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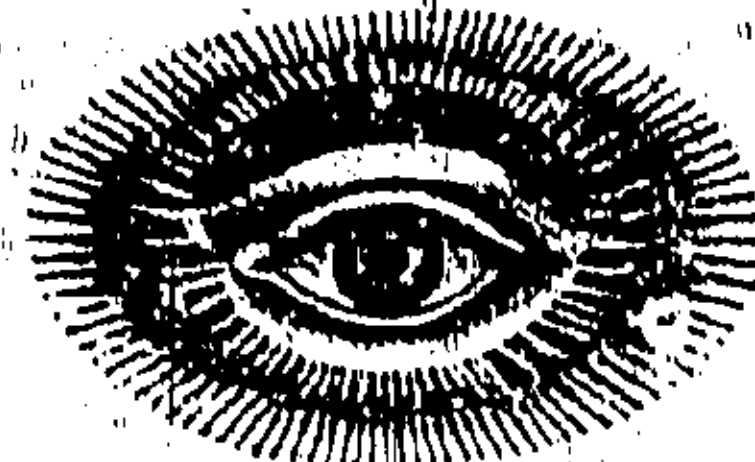
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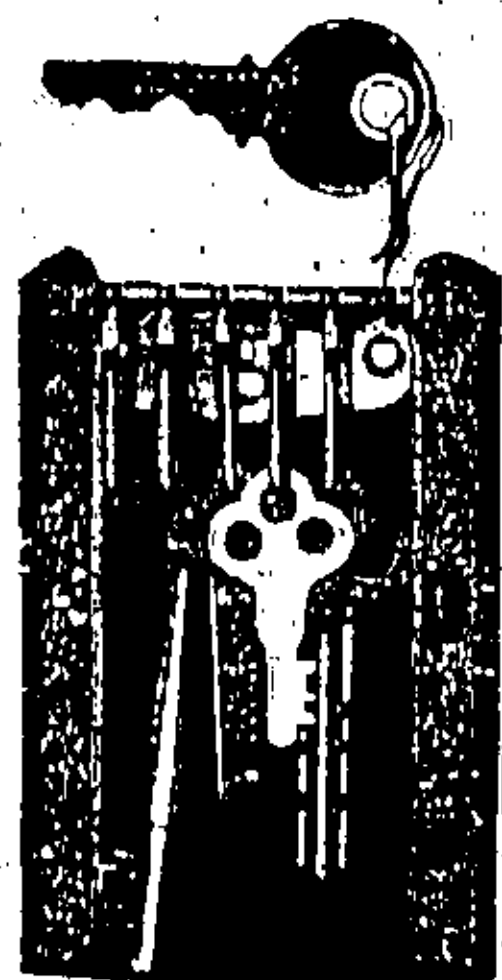
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## CHINA LOANS.

That House of Commons Query.

### GOVERNMENT EXPLANATION.

Britain And The Maritime Customs.

London, Dec. 11.

In view of the surprise expressed in Peking regarding the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Locker Lampson's statement in the House of Commons on December 8 relating to the security of British loans to China, the following is the text of the question and answer.

Mr. W. Foot Mitchell (Conservative) asked for the total amount of British capital loaned to China, and secured on the Chinese revenues administered by the Imperial Maritime Customs; whether there is a safeguard for payment in most cases other than the Maritime Customs, and whether in view of the proposed attempt to expel foreigners the Foreign Secretary could make any statement on British policy regarding this issue.

Mr. Locker Lampson said: "The outstanding amount of that portion of three Chinese Government loans is secured on the revenues of the Maritime Customs which was floated in London approximately £14,500,000."

"The total British holdings of all such loans of whatever issue are impossible to determine, but can be estimated at £20,000."

"Under present conditions there is no other source from which payment could be made except the Customs revenues."

"His Majesty's Government have every desire to see the maintenance intact of the Maritime Customs administration whose excellent services to the Chinese nation as a whole they believe are fully appreciated in China."—Reuter.

### CHINA'S SECURITIES.

Surprise in London.

Peking, Dec. 10.

Mr. Locker Lampson's statement in the House of Commons that the Customs revenue was the only source whereon British capital loaned to China was secured, caused considerable surprise in financial circles where it is pointed out that the Anglo-French and Crisp loans are entirely secured on salt, and Hukang salt on salt, while the 1913 reorganisation loan is theoretically also secured on salt though met from the customs revenue in recent years.—Reuter.

Mr. Lampson Meets Canton Leaders.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

Although London is without official confirmation, Press telegrams report that Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister to China, has reached Hankow, and has had informal conversation with some of the Cantonese officials.

Mr. Lampson's visit to Hankow was primarily undertaken to investigate the situation in the Yangtse Valley, and he has discussed local conditions with British Consular officers stationed at Kiukiang and elsewhere.

The newspapers report that Mr. Saburi, who was the Japanese delegate at the recent extraterritorial conference, is also in Hankow, and is in close contact with Mr. Lampson.

Conditions in Hankow are reported practically normal, the Cantonese authorities having checked the extremist labour elements.—British Wireless Service.

### Chang Yi's Troops.

Foochow, Dec. 10.

General Chang Yi's troops surrendered to the Cantonese last night, the main condition being their incorporation in the Cantonese Army.—Reuter.

### £3,250 FOR AUSTEN.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

It is stated, though unofficially, that the value of Peace Prize for 1925 is £3,500, in which case Sir Austen Chamberlain would receive £3,250, and General Charles Daves, a similar sum.—British Wireless Service.

## FORGED NOTES?

IMPORTANT YAUMATI RAID.

### AN INSPECTOR'S COUP.

Amounting in face value to a fairly large sum of money, a quantity of Indo-China banknotes has been seized by the Criminal Investigation Department in Yaumati, leading, it is thought, to clues which will result in important discoveries.

Counterfeiters of paper money, especially of currencies of neighbouring countries, have been sending a small portion of their products to Hong Kong in the past.

Last night, Det. Sub-Inspector C. P. Fallon raided a house in Reclamation Street and found about a dozen or more of 100 piastre notes, alleged to be spurious.

It is noteworthy that Inspector Fallon has only been recently transferred to Yaumati on the retirement of Inspector W. Elliott.

Owing to extensive trade connections and the number of emigrants passing to and fro, there is a fair amount of Indo-China money in Hong Kong.

No other incriminating material was found, but it is believed that the Police are on the tracks of several "wanted" persons.

### \$16,000 HAUL.

OPIUM FOUND ON COAST STEAMER.

### "LUCHOW" MEN ARRESTED.

As a result of a search carried out yesterday by a party of revenue officers under the direction of Revenue Officer Ward, a large quantity of opium was discovered at the back of one of the boilers on board the s.s. "Luchow" (China Navigation Company) after the arrival of the steamer from Shanghai and Amoy. The seizure was made at 6.30 p.m.

The haul comprises 2,170 taels of raw opium (value \$6,510) and 800 taels of prepared opium (value \$9,600).

Three firemen have been arrested and it is understood that, in the event of conviction, the Police will press for a heavy fine. According to the scale on which fines are made in opium cases, defendants, if found guilty, would be liable to one of \$161,100!

The men in question are to be charged later in the morning before Major C. Willson.

Later. All three men were found guilty by the Magistrate. In view of the large amount involved, sentence was deferred till Monday.

### ABOVE REPROACH.

GERMAN TREATY WITH ITALY.

Rugby, Dec. 10. Regarding the Geneva report that Italy and Germany have drafted the terms of a treaty of arbitration and conciliation which is now ready for signature, it is understood in London that the measure comes within the framework of the Locarno agreements and is quite unexceptionable.

The "Times" says: The new treaty differs in no essential respect from those Germany has already signed with Poland, Estonia, Switzerland and other countries.—British Wireless Service.

### CANTON BANK STRIKE.

Concern is felt in Hong Kong at the developments following the strike of (and resumption of work by) bank clerks in Canton.

Of the nine establishments, two are branches of Hong Kong institutions (the Bank of Canton, Ltd., and the Bank of East Asia).

Although the Arbitration Board has secured the return to duty of the clerks, the bankers are still reluctant to discuss the men's demands on the ground that some of those insist on interference with the management, etc.

On the other hand it is felt that the question of salaries is of little consequence, but the bankers are adamant in adhering to their claim of unrestricted control over their own business.

## HANKOW QUIET.

Mr. Eugene Chen Meets Mr. Lampson.

### SOCONY PLANT STRIKE.

A Clash With Yang Sen Avoided.

A message from Hankow states that Gan Yang Sen is reported to have endeavoured to commandeer British and American vessels to convey his troops, but the presence of foreign gunboats and the intervention of the British Consul obtained the withdrawal of his soldiers, who proceeded down river on Chinese transports, and an Italian vessel.—Reuter.

Hankow, Dec. 10.

The situation remains very quiet, the only incident of any importance being a strike at Socony's installation at Tanshuichee.

American gunboats have been sent down to guard the installation for the period of the strike.

A delegation from Canton headed by Mr. Eugene Chen arrived yesterday on the steamer "Woosung."

Later Mr. Eugene Chen called on Mr. Miles Lampson aboard H.M.S. "Petersfield."—Reuter.

### DIVORCE REPORTS.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC MORALS.

### A NEW LAW PASSED.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

The House of Commons has passed the third reading of a Bill which regulates the publication of reports of judicial proceedings "in such manner as to prevent injury to public morals."

The bill provides that in proceedings for divorce, nullity of marriage or judicial separation nothing shall be published except the names and addresses of parties, the grounds on which the proceedings are brought and resisted, submissions in points of law on the judge's summing up, the jury's findings and the judgment.—British Wireless Service.

### Animated Debate.

London, Dec. 10.

After an animated debate, the House of Commons passed the third reading of the Judicial Proceedings Bill, the object of which is to prevent the publication of certain matter in connection with divorce cases which might be injurious to public morals.—Reuter.

### COMING WONDERS.

TELEVISION & WIRELESS POWER.

### SENATORE MARCONI'S VIEWS.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

Senatore Marconi believes that during the next quarter of a century, developments in the means of obtaining directional wireless transmission and reception will probably be as great as the advances made in other directions since transatlantic wireless communication was established 25 years ago.

In an interview to-day, he emphasised the advantageous position of modern investigators compared with that of the pioneers who were without valves, amplifiers, super-sensitive heterodyne sets, directional transmitters and receivers and the means of making continuous waves.

Apart from ordinary transmission and reception of wireless messages, there was a possibility that transmission of power over moderate distances might be developed in the near future, and that television would become an actuality.—British Wireless Service.

### JAPAN'S EMPEROR.

SERIOUS ILLNESS CAUSES ANXIETY.

### A STRIKE CALLED OFF.

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

In deference to the Emperor's illness, which has definitely developed into pneumonia, the municipal tramwaymen held an urgent conference, at which it was decided to cancel the strike which they declared on Thursday night, conditionally on the authorities discharging none.—Reuter.

## HOTEL BURGLARY.

JEWELLERY STOLEN FROM "GLENEALY."

### MR. J. C. THOMSON'S LOSS.

Believed to have effected their entry by scaling the roof of the adjoining building (a Chinese school) and sliding down a drain-pipe, cat-burglars stole from the Glenealy Hotel last night a pair of gold cuff links, a white sweater and set of dress studs and links, the property of Mr. J. C. Thomson, of the Hong Kong Electric Company, Ltd.

Mr. Thomson's was the only room entered. The burglars must have gone about their work with "cat-like" tread for the occupant reports that he was undisturbed throughout the night.

The police were informed this morning and detectives who carried out a search found the links comprised in the dress-shirt set on the roof of the adjoining building, the burglars evidently been disturbed or dropped the links and been unable to locate them.

### "BIG FIVE MEET."

LOCARNO PACT MATTERS DISCUSSED.

### "SATISFACTORY PROGRESS."

Geneva, Dec. 10.

"Satisfactory progress on the whole" was officially reported at the conclusion of the conference of the "Big Five," namely the representatives of the Locarno Powers, privately discussing the amelioration of the inter-allied military control of Germany, the evacuation of the Rhineland and other matters arising out of the Locarno Pact.

The conference was extended to-day by the inclusion of Baron Ishii, of Japan. The conference adjourned pending a meeting of the Council of Ambassadors in the afternoon.—Reuter.

### Charge Against Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 10.

The disarmament of fortresses in East Germany and the export of war material are outstanding points requiring adjustment in the Big Five's discussions at Geneva.

The newspapers allege that Britain has demanded prohibition of the export of a number of unfinished steel products on the ground they can be used for military purposes, whereas the Germans contend that such prohibition would be a death blow to many factories. The papers hint that commercial considerations are behind Britain's attitude.—Reuter.

### Experts' Report.

Paris, Dec. 10.

The question of the withdrawal of the Allied military control from Germany was not advanced as a result of the conference of ambassadors. The meeting learned that the Allied military experts were unanimously agreed that Germany's disarmament was in nowise complete. The ambassadors decided to send a full report to the Foreign Ministers at Geneva. The experts declared that German General von Fawel's explanations regarding the crucial points of the Eastern fortifications and traffic in war material was unsatisfactory. The next move lies with the Foreign Ministers.

### PRINCE ACCEPTS.

TO VISIT CANADA NEXT YEAR.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.

At the opening of Parliament, the Governor-General, Lord Willington, announced that the Prince of Wales had accepted the invitation of the Canadian Government to visit Canada in 1927, in connection with the jubilee celebration of the Canadian confederation.—Reuter.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

"Fresh N.E. winds, fair" is the official weather forecast till noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the adjoining coast and Formosa Channel.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 1/16.

## ALMOST NORMAL.

Local River Shipping Position.

### 3 MORE BOATS RESUME.

British Registry Changed to Chinese.

With three more boats resuming after a period of lying-up, Hong Kong river shipping is now practically in the same position as before the strike, i.e., in regard to numbers of vessels employed.

The Steamboat Co.'s "Sui Tai" is now alongside the Wing Lok wharf to-day and will leave for Macao to-morrow, she being the last of the fleet to get back on the run.

Meanwhile the "Kinshan" goes on the Canton run as the "Tai-shan" will be docked. The "Lungshan," therefore, takes her place on the night trips.

Another "outside" vessel to join the Hong Kong-Canton trade is the "Yee On," formerly the "Kock Ning." She has been on the West River for a number of years.

### Financial Reasons.

To-day the "Chung On" (formerly the "Wah Sun") will leave Hong Kong for Shanghai—this being another branch of the local steamboat traffic which has been interrupted.

With the exception of the "Paul Bead" and the "Charles Harcourt" of the Canton Navigation Co., river shipping is now at the normal level. These two boats (formerly under the French flag) under British registry are still lying idle owing to financial reasons. But in their place has come a new boat in the "Yuet On."

Of the smaller river steamboats running to ports on the West River other than Canton, a good many have changed from British to Chinese registry. Accordingly, it is anticipated that there will be an appreciable change in the next shipping returns.

## RUBBER THREAT.

CEYLON AND RESTRICTION SCHEME.

Colombo, Dec. 10.

With reference to the Motion before the Legislature expressing the opinion that Ceylon should now stand out from rubber restriction, "the readjustment of which in the recent instructions from the Secretary of State is 'uneconomic for Ceylon,' the Secretary of State for Colonies, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, has telegraphed a warning of the serious effects on the industry if Ceylon abandons the rubber restrictions leading to an immediate fall in prices, which will hit Ceylon in the same degree as other places. Mr. Amery declares that maintenance of prosperous conditions for the rubber producers is a matter of real importance from the Empire viewpoint, hence our aim as urged by producers and users alike is to stabilise the price, and stability must be sought in a profitable level in order to encourage cultivation and promote research."

Mr. Amery points out that the new scale precludes alteration before next November, but before that period is extended he promises full considerations of any proposals advanced by Ceylon.—Reuter.

### RATES REFUNDS.

LAST QUARTER FOR CONCESSIONS.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order, under section 2 of the Rating (Refunds) Ordinance, 1925, Ordinance No. 8 of 1925, that refund of rates for the fourth quarter of the year 1926 be made in any case where, although a tenement has not been wholly vacant, two or more floors thereof have been vacant during the whole of any month in the said quarter. Such refund will not be of the whole of the rates attributable to such vacant floors but will be made having regard to the allowance in the assessment for partial vacancy. No refund of rates for the said quarter will be made in any case where such rates have not been paid in advance as required by the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

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## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## LOCAL SHARES.

BROKERS' REVIEW FOR THE WEEK.

MARKET EXTREMELY QUIET.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor in their weekly share report, state:—

Hong Kong, Dec. 10.

Our market was extremely quiet during the past week with a general tendency towards lower prices and very little business put through in consequence.

Shanghai market remains quiet.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks.—The recent drop of 27 in London quotations made itself felt here and there were no buyers during the week.

Sellers are asking \$1.65, but probably rather less would be accepted.

Unions.—Only a very few small transactions took place at \$290.5 and they close nominal at \$293.

Canton Insurances & Hong Kong Fire.—Continue firm with buyers at \$640 and \$615 respectively.

Trams.—Only a very little business was done in these round about \$23, they close with sellers at \$23 1/2 but no buyers.

Hong Kong Hotels.—Were on offer throughout the week at \$9 1/2 without attracting buyers.

China Providents.—Continued in demand at \$5 1/4 but with no sellers, they close nominal at this price.

China Lights, Combined.—After having been neglected for some considerable time now have buyers at \$17 1/2.

Dairy Farms.—Continued in demand at \$18 1/4.

Douglask.—Are firm with buyers at \$28 1/2.

Wharves.—Are unchanged with sellers but no buyers at \$12 1/2.

Docks.—Experienced a sharp decline and business was done at \$49, they have sellers to-day at \$50 but no further buyers.

Electricity.—Came to business at \$56 1/4, there are still buyers at the latter price but sellers are now holding out for rather more.

London Quotations of the 8th instant.—Banks \$114 10s. Indos Deft. \$5. Shells \$4 10s. all middle prices.

Exchange.—The demand rate on London is 1/10 15 16 and T.T. on Shanghai is 15. 80 1/4.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, December 21.

## BRITISH TYRES.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

Further reductions ranging from ten to twenty per cent. are announced in the prices of British automobile tyres.

This is the third reduction by British manufacturers this year.

In April, prices were lowered by ten per cent. and in October by fifteen to twenty per cent. drop.—British Wireless Service.

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## \$9,500,000 DEAL.

BERRYS BUY AMALGAMATED PRESS.

HUGE TRANSACTIONS.

Judged by the amount of the purchase money passing, the acquisition by Messrs. Berry (through one of their companies, Graphic Publications, Ltd.) of the capital of Amalgamated Press (1922), Ltd., is the biggest of all the big newspaper deals.

The holders of the 2,717,716 ordinary shares in Amalgamated Press (1922), Ltd., are to receive 43 1/2 for each share (\$2 1/2 in cash and 41 in debenture stock), while the holders of the 554,000 7 per cent. cumulative preference share are to be paid out, if the transaction goes through, at 24s. for each 11 share.

Thus the purchase price works out at about \$9,500,000, an amount which may be compared with the sum of \$6,000,000 for which Lord Rothermere, through the Daily Mail Trust, purchased the shares of E. Hulton and Company, and with the sum of about \$5,500,000 for which he resold to the Berrys the Manchester newspapers owned by the Hulton company.

The latest transaction between Lord Rothermere and Sir William and Mr. Gomer Berry is also interesting by reason of the fact that Amalgamated Press, Ltd., which in 1922 was reconstructed into the present company, was the earliest of all the Harmsworth companies, since it was formed as early as 1896. The company owns a host of weekly and monthly periodicals including "Answers" and innumerable of the "coloured comic" fraternity, but no daily paper.

Financing the Deal.

From the City point of view interest in the present deal lies first in its magnitude, and secondly in the question of the means which will be adopted to finance it. In its last completed year Amalgamated Press (1922), Ltd., made a net profit after providing for income tax and depreciation of \$424,451. The price of 43 1/2 for each share now to be paid represents therefore between 17 and 18 years' purchase—a basis which judged by the commonly accepted notions of the value of newspaper enterprises, is, to say the least of it, unusual. It may be noted, moreover, that the Amalgamated Press holdings of cash (\$791,633 at June 30, 1926, of which part has no doubt, since been expended on dividends) and Government securities are not included in the sale.

On the question of finance all that is known so far is that a new company is to be formed to acquire from Graphic Publications, Ltd., its new possessions, and that this new company will issue \$3,500,000 of 5 1/2 per cent. first mortgage debenture stock (including the \$2,717,716 to be allotted to the (Amalgamated Press ordinary shareholders in part satisfaction of the price of their shares). This debenture stock is to be secured by a first mortgage on the freehold and leasehold properties and upon the shares of Imperial Paper Mills, Ltd., which represent part of the Amalgamated Press property passing. Doubtless the bulk of the remaining \$6,000,000 will be raised by the method which has now become common form in these deals—that is, by a public issue of preference shares in the new company. In other words, the investing public will provide the great bulk of the purchase money, while the Berrys will, of course, retain control of the business through a majority holding of the ordinary shares of the new company.

Earlier Rothermere-Berry Deals.

It is not out of place to recall the earlier large transactions between the Rothermere and the Berry interests. These have their origin in the purchase in October, 1923, by the Daily Mail Trust, Ltd., for \$6,000,000 of the whole capital of E. Hulton and Co., Ltd. The \$6,000,000 involved included \$1,000,000 representing the value of certain cash assets of the Hulton company which were used to purchase the share capital of Associated Scottish Newspapers, Limited, a company owning certain Scottish newspapers. The price paid for the Hulton papers proper was, therefore, in effect \$5,000,000. Of these the Manchester portion was six months later sold to the Berry company, Allied Newspapers, Limited, for \$5,500,000. The "Evening Standard" was sold to a separate company for \$250,000, and the "Daily Sketch" and the "Sunday Herald" were sold in July, 1924, to another Harmsworth company, the "Daily Sketch" and "Sunday Herald," Limited, for \$1,300,000, but a month ago these two papers also were swept into the Berry net by the purchase for an unknown amount by Allied Newspapers, Limited, from the Daily Mirror Newspapers, Limited, and Sunday Pictorial Newspapers (1920), Limited, of the whole of the ordinary capital of Daily Sketch and Sunday Herald, Limited. The share capital of Associated Scottish Newspapers was in June, 1925, sold to Allied Northern Newspapers, a Berry company, for \$1,050,000. Thus what the Daily Mail Trust acquired in October, 1923, for \$6,000,000 it subsequently resold for over \$8,000,000 of which amount the Berry companies paid \$6,550,000, excluding the unknown figure now to be paid for the "Daily Sketch" and the "Sunday Herald."



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**  
that the EIGHTH ORDINARY  
YEARLY MEETING of SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the above Company  
will be held at the Head Office of  
the Company, St. George's Building,  
Chater Road, Hong Kong, on  
THURSDAY, the 23rd DECEMBER,  
1926, at 11.30 o'clock in the fore-  
noon, for the purpose of receiving  
a Statement of Accounts and the  
Report of the General Managers for  
the year ended 30th September,  
1926, and electing a Consulting  
Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
TUESDAY, 14th December, 1926,  
until THURSDAY, 23rd December,  
1926, both days inclusive.

**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 8th December, 1926.

**CHINESE CUSTOMS  
NOTIFICATION.**

**ACTING** under instructions from  
the Inspector General of Customs,  
I have, This Day taken over  
charge of the CHINESE MARITIME  
CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District  
from Mr. W. O. LAW, Deputy  
Commissioner in charge ad interim.

**F. HAYLEY BELL,**  
Commissioner,  
Office of Chinese Maritime Customs  
For Kowloon and District,  
York Buildings,  
Hong Kong, 7th December, 1926.

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**Christmas Matinees**  
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**AMO'G BANDITS.**

**MISSIONARY'S JOURNEY TO  
RESCUE LADIES.**

**CONDUCT OF SOLDIERS.**

Our readers will not have for-  
gotten the Rev. C. F. Davies's stir-  
ring account of his 25 days' so-  
journ among the bandits. Here  
he tells how, set free, he goes back  
to Chowkiakow to rescue Mrs.  
Davies and Miss Poppins. The  
light thrown on the conduct of the  
soldiers is particularly interesting.

Freedom, like health, is only  
valued when lost, or maybe when  
it is regained. Bondage of itself  
is to be dreaded, but when it is  
accompanied with dread of torture,  
being constantly the butt of rude  
and often vile jests, and the being  
constantly at the beck of any who  
would: the whole thing becomes  
most frightful. And then what a  
joyous char! It meant a move  
out of the bad environment of  
wickedness, with all its moral filth,  
the finding oneself amongst clean  
men, being treated at least as an  
equal, and by some as a superior.

Such a thing needs to be experi-  
enced to be realised. It is true that  
I was being obliged to turn my back  
on Chowkiakow, the place I wanted  
to get to most, but even so it was a  
marvellous freedom, and so it was  
with utter joy that I set out for  
Yencheng. There was indeed a  
great welcome, but a severe disap-  
pointment awaited me. My escort  
had informed me that Mrs. Davies  
and Miss Poppins had left Chow-  
kiakow and gone east towards  
Shanghai, but at Yencheng I was  
told that they were still at Chow-  
kiakow, still in fear of further  
trouble, and anxiously awaiting an  
escort to a place of recuperation.

A Maddening Delay.  
I arrived at Yencheng at a most  
opportune time, for General Yen  
had just been appointed to give  
military protection to Chowkiakow  
and district, and the great man  
himself had already embarked on  
the boat prepared for him and was  
fixed to start the next day. Mr.  
Davies of Yencheng had also secured  
a place on one of the General's  
boats, and so I was just in time  
to have a night's rest before joining  
the party. Having of course no  
baggage of my own, kind friends  
of Yencheng provided me with a  
change of clothes and also some  
bedding, and at daylight we start-  
ed out for the boat. Alas, our hur-  
ry was not shared by General Yen,  
his men. A light rain was falling,  
and after waiting some three hours  
we learnt that no start would be  
made that day. It turned out that  
the party of troops, amounting in  
all to about 1,500, were taking all  
precautions against surprise and it  
was planned for some hundreds to  
walk on either side of the river  
to shield the boats from any pos-  
sible surprise attack from bandits.

They of course were not prepared  
to walk in the rain, and so fine  
weather was all important. I was  
keen to start for the relief of the  
ladies in Chowkiakow, but had been  
long enough in China to resign my-  
self to inevitable delays for trifling  
reasons, and so we returned to the  
Mission House. This meant a start  
on correspondence long delayed,  
and the time to rid myself of a  
month-old beard.

The Unwelcome Guests.

The weather cleared the next day  
and we really made a start. It is  
true that the bandits were still  
making havoc for a radius of some  
ten miles west of Chowkiakow, but  
our dignity as a party as well as  
safety could not be prejudiced by  
that, and so progress was far  
from hurried. But six miles out  
from Yencheng, a halt was made  
to accept the hospitality of the  
local magnates of a village there.  
This of course was enforced kind-  
ness, for messengers had apprised  
the people of our coming. Poor  
folk, they had no reason to do any-  
thing for these troops, and the only  
reward they received was to be  
looted by soldiers of the same  
Division but eight days later. After  
this trying delay we actually did  
make some progress, and that night  
I had put in a painful nine  
days of captivity, a short time  
previously. At this place the Gen-  
eral's brother was in charge of one  
of his regiments, so this of course  
meant the going ashore of the chief,  
and a consequent delay the next  
morning.

A Craven Policy.

By this time we were less than  
15 miles from the town of Tentuen,  
the town where the bandits were  
camped, and extraordinary pains  
were taken to save ourselves from  
trouble. The boats were anchored  
some ten miles about Tentuen,  
and the word soon went round that  
no start would be made again until  
the next morning. Being under  
the General's escort, it was not  
ours to reason why; but neverthe-  
less we reasoned rather furiously.  
We numbered some 1,500, at Hsiao  
Yao another 1,000 could have been  
brought on, and a fast messenger  
could have taken orders to the Bri-  
gadier at Chowkiakow to fetch out

two or three thousand more, and  
to our seeming Tentuen could well  
have been surrounded, and notwith-  
standing superior numbers, we could  
by the weight of arms, have over-  
come the bandits, and taken much  
spoils. Instead of this we merely  
anchored, and waited until the  
marauders had moved out of Ten-  
tuen, before we dared move on. If  
we are to believe reports that came  
to us, a message had been sent to  
them to move out which came they  
kindly did, and so the next morn-  
ing we sailed triumphantly past  
Tentuen, our General's boat hav-  
ing a big gun mounted to save that  
dear man at least from any danger.

Chowkiakow at Last.  
The welcome at Chowkiakow is  
something merely to be mentioned.  
The month of weary strain had  
made its toll on the strength of the  
foreign ladies there, and their re-  
lief at our coming is beyond  
describing. Then too we had to  
see ever so many friends who came  
to welcome us. All had in some  
way suffered, but they felt that one  
had suffered more, and the welcome  
was so great as to be made with  
tears, even from strong men. The  
fellowship of joy is nothing to the  
fellowship of suffering.

At Chowkiakow we learnt that in  
some ways the soldier deliveries  
had been far from an unmix-  
ed blessing. The bandits had destr-  
oyed our house property, but had done  
little damage to the schools. When  
the soldiers came, a regiment of  
them at first used our school, and  
then I suppose they feared com-  
plaints, and so moved out. This  
was done without going empty, for  
the Girl's school was stripped prac-  
tically bare. We tried to interview  
our General, but it seems that the  
rigours of the journey required  
much rest, and so we were sent to  
the Colonel of the offending regi-  
ment.

Soldiers' Barred Theft.  
This gentleman graciously allow-  
ed us to see him, and pressed us  
to sit on our own chairs taken out  
of our compound by his men. We  
showed him a list of the property  
taken, but he refused it all except  
of course the furniture we saw in  
the Guest Hall and a very little  
more. As for that, he stated that  
their need was the reason of taking  
it, but that we were permitted to  
have it back when his men were  
finished with it. Such magnani-  
mity was rather overpowering, but  
we yet dared to suggest that his  
men had taken other valuable prop-  
erty that had likely been destroyed  
for the sake of fuel. The excellent  
man was pleased to show a great  
amount of protestation verging on  
a show of temper, and we were  
obliged to let him down lightly  
and take our leave. It will be  
seen that some of these men in  
authority are not waiting for the  
removal of extrajurisdiction rights by  
the Chinese Government before de-  
priving us, as far as they may, of  
such rights.

The General of the Division was  
under orders to provide us with an  
adequate escort to take the ladies  
to Yencheng, and the importance of  
this matter caused me to refrain  
from using much pressure then to  
get back our pillored property.

A Narrow Shave.  
After four busy days, when ar-  
rangements were made for a  
month's absence, we started back  
to Yencheng. This matter had  
caused me some anxiety, but evi-  
dently the instructions concern-  
ing escort were fully adequate, for  
on the day of departure 60 Braves  
were ready to march along the  
bank up river. Changes were made  
en route, and it fell out that during  
the journey of 50 miles four differ-  
ent sets of men were told off to  
escort us. In all seeming we had  
no cause for alarm, but actually  
we were near what I later knew to  
be great peril. At one section of  
the river a party of bandits came  
to look for us. They did not get  
to us, but they it is people of  
another boat who for some reason  
gloriously exaggerated the strength of  
our escort and so the bandits dared  
not come after us. Just what it  
would have meant had this band,  
with hopes frustrated in the mat-  
ter of my release, got hold of us  
all, is too frightful to think of.

More Looting by Soldiers.  
At the end of the third day on  
the way back to Yencheng, we

reached the village where the week  
previously, our General had, been  
entertained. This time no welcome  
was afforded us, but instead, the  
gates were closed as the people  
actually feared harm from the  
soldier protectors of their own  
district. Our worthy Braves were  
so righteously indignant, that they  
threatened to bombard the place if  
the doors were not opened to us.  
Eventually this was done, and the  
same night the soldiers insisted  
that for the sake of adequate  
protection we should rest in the  
village and not on the boat.

The next day we learnt the reason  
why of such forthright. We  
were to stay in the village to give  
them more freedom to help them-  
selves to whatever they desired of  
the villagers' possessions. Some of  
the lot found its way on to our  
boat.

It was with great relief that the  
next day before noon the whistle  
of a train engine was heard, and  
the ladies and school girls with us,  
were eager for the first sight of the  
railway bridge. We were not  
allowed to go without one more  
difficulty however, for on arrival,  
the Captain came along and with  
his followers around him asked for  
compensation for their 60 h. of  
escort. I told him that of course  
they should be allowed their living,  
but I pointed out that I had already  
suffered the loss of home, and that  
tens of thousands were involved,  
and so argued that the matter of  
compensation must be specially con-  
sidered before paid. This in the  
end caused them to think that it  
was better to go without.

In Chowkiakow Chinese persistently  
told me that some 500 men of the  
same Division had helped in the  
bandit raid on Chowkiakow where  
of course we had suffered. If this  
indeed be true it is no wonder that  
our men refrained from pressing  
for escort payment.

Thanks to Wu Pei-fu.  
It was fine to arrive safely  
amongst friends, and I am glad to  
express warm gratitude for the fine  
help and sympathy of so many who  
gave us just the help needed. One  
regret is that I had no opportunity  
personally to thank Marshal Wu  
Pei-fu, who in the midst of a multi-  
tude of other affairs used efficient  
means towards my release and the  
escort of my wife and Miss Poppins  
to a place of refuge.—"N. C. Daily  
News."

**WATER SUPPLY.**  
ALL RESERVOIR LEVELS  
HIGHER.

A higher level and storage of  
water in all reservoirs is recorded  
in the returns indicating the posi-  
tion on December 1.

In Hong Kong, the storage is  
1,868.61 million gallons as com-  
pared with 1,450.31 at the same  
time last year.

In Kowloon, storage is 439.50  
million gallons as compared with  
323.60 last year.

The consumption per head per  
day averages 20.1 gallons in Hong  
Kong and 15.5 in Kowloon, as com-  
pared with 21.0 and 15.9 respec-  
tively last year.

Level and Storage of water in  
Reservoirs on December, 1926:  
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER  
WORKS LEVELS.

1925 1926  
Tytam 34.4' B. 8' 6" B.  
Tytam Byewash 22' 9" B. 21' 0" B.  
Tytam Intermediate 0' 11" A. Level  
Tytam Tuk 16' 4" B. 4' 9" B.  
Wong Nei Chung 17' 0" B. 12' 3" B.  
Pokfulam 17' 4" B. 13' 11" B.  
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow";  
A denotes "Above Overflow".)  
Storage in millions and decimals  
of gallons.

1925 1926  
Tytam 155.04 315.96  
Tytam Byewash 1.57 2.28  
Tytam Intermediate 201.14 195.90  
Tytam Tuk 1,050.32 1,301.78  
Wong Nei Chung 11.78 10.52  
Pokfulam 29.40 30.17  
Total 1,450.31 1,868.61  
Consumption of water in the City  
and Hill District in millions and de-  
cimals of gallons during the month of  
November—

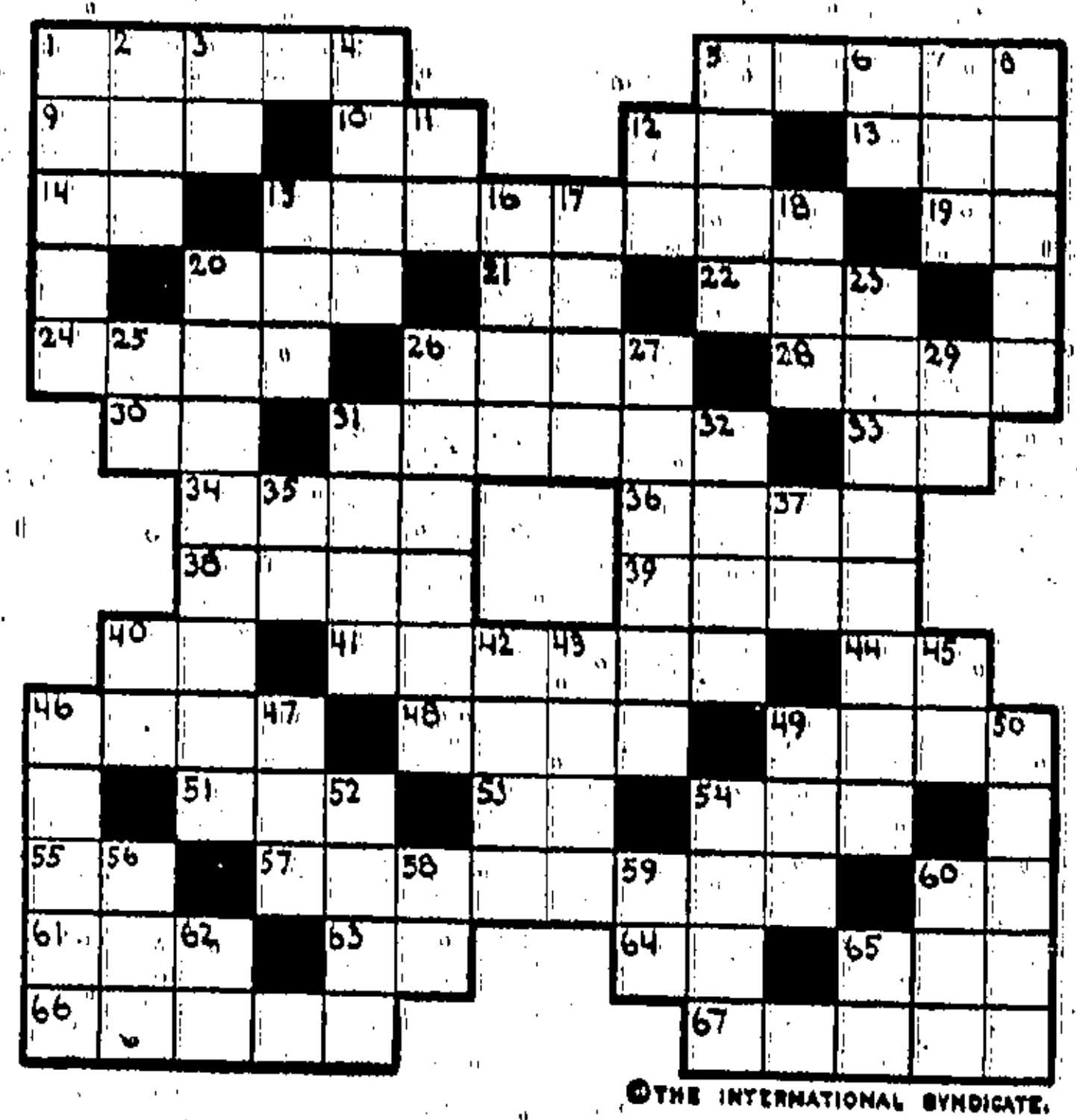
1925 1926  
Consumption 250.33 245.58  
Estimated Population 896,440 906,700  
per day (gallons) 21.0 20.6  
Full Supply in all districts during  
November 1925 and 1926.  
The Government Analyst's reports  
show that the quality of the water is  
satisfactory.  
Total rainfall to November 30, 1925,  
87.36; November 30, 1926, 100.23.

1925 1926  
Kowloon Gravitation 237.64 336.70  
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir, 85.96 100.80  
Total 323.60 439.50  
Consumption of water in Kowloon  
in millions and decimals of gallon, dur-  
ing the month of November.  
1925 1926  
Consumption 72.86 73.62  
Estimated population 153,380 157,720  
per day (gallons) 15.0 15.5  
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Total rainfall to November 30, 1925,  
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**OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert  
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional  
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



**HORIZONTAL**

- 1—Long seat
- 2—to pipe
- 3—Spanish for "one"
- 4—Gold (chem. sym.)
- 5—Interjection
- 6—Also
- 7—Low Dutch (abbr.)
- 8—to dishearten
- 9—Ancient Chaldean City
- 10—to make by excavating
- 11—Prefix, "Form of"
- 12—Gloomy
- 13—A province of old Greece
- 14—Told an untruth
- 15—to be compassionate
- 16—A bone (Latin)
- 17—Ordered
- 18—Point of compass
- 19—A vegetable (pl.)
- 20—The sense of touch
- 21—to give forth
- 22—Edible root of tropics
- 23—Article
- 24—Bank officer
- 25—to effect
- 26—Besides

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**

- 27—to lift up
- 28—Sun-god of ancient Aryans
- 29—German for "one"
- 30—Nickel (abbr.)
- 31—Prefix, "Before"
- 32—French for "thel"
- 33—Disorder
- 34—Latin for "all over" (abbr.)
- 35—Girl's name
- 36—Greek goddess of earth
- 37—Part of verb "to be"
- 38—Nothing
- 39—A guard
- 40—a ghost
- 41—Prefix, "Part of"
- 42—Finish
- 43—Negative
- 44—a famous British soldier
- 45—That is here present
- 46—Pronoun
- 47—Short for "Louise"
- 48—a motorcar for heavy loads
- 49—Personal pronoun
- 50—Conjunction
- 51—Prefix, "Apart"
- 52—Compensated

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**

- 17—Frozen
- 18—a gentle blow
- 19—to distribute
- 20—to drive out
- 21—Behold
- 22—Father of
- 23—antiseptic surgery
- 24—Handful
- 25—Toward
- 26—to harass
- 27—Close by
- 28—Them (colloq.)
- 29—a suffix of nouns of agency
- 30—Short for "Albert"
- 31—Girl's name
- 32—Wild animal's den
- 33—Near
- 34—to deduct
- 35—A swelling
- 36—Suffix, Like
- 37—An ending of nouns
- 38—a freepace (Scottish)
- 39—To exceed
- 40—an age
- 41—Part of compass (abbr.)
- 42—A New England State (abbr.)
- 43—a helper
- 44—Within
- 45—a continent (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will  
appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word  
puzzle.)

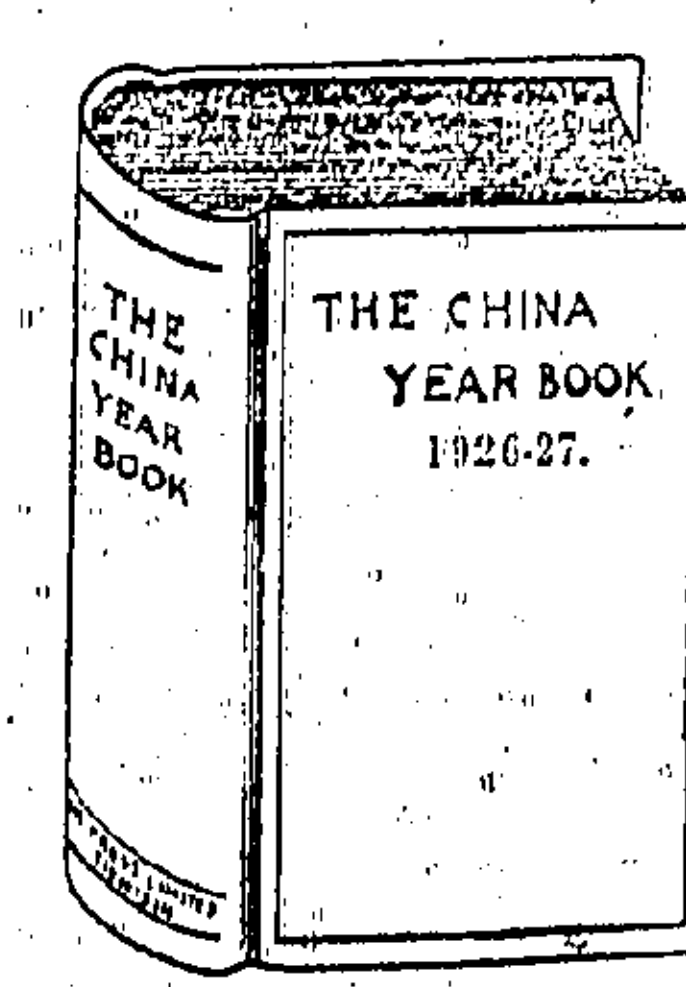
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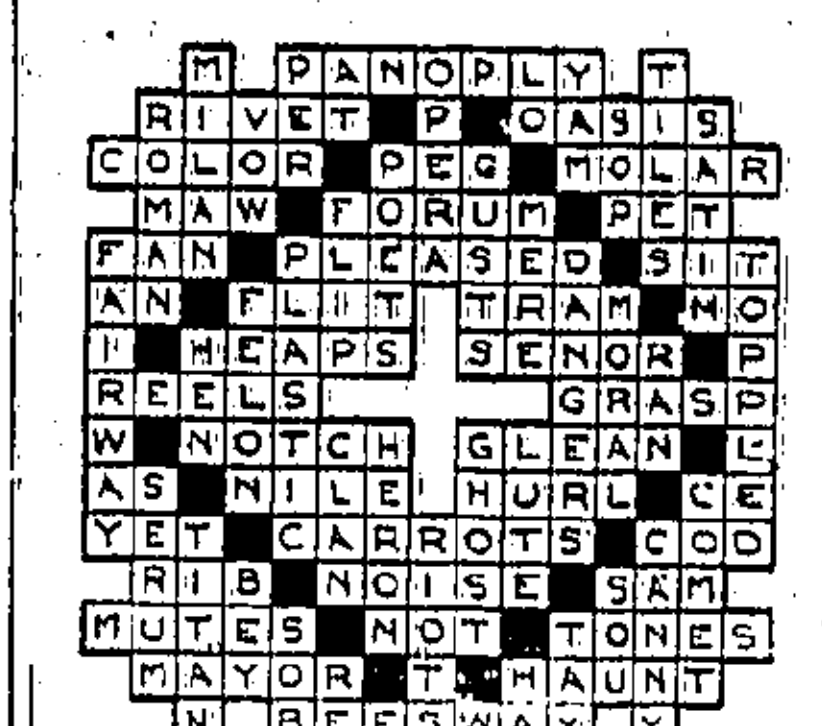
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Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Ritterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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KONG FOR DEC. 1926.**

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Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December	a.m.	p.m.
" 11	6.53	5.40
" 12	6.53	5.40
" 13	6.54	5.40
" 14	6.54	5.41
" 15	6.55	5.41
" 16	6.56	5.41
" 17	6.56	5.42
" 18	6.57	5.42
" 19	6.57	5.43
" 20	6.58	5.43
" 21	6.58	5.44
" 22	6.59	5.44
" 23	6.59	5.45
" 24	7.00	5.45
" 25	7.00	5.46
" 26	7.00	5.48
" 27	7.01	5.47
" 28	7.01	5.47
" 29	7.02	5.48
" 30	7.02	5.48
" 31	7.03	5.49



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MANILA MARU ..... Monday, 17th January.

UGA MARU ..... Thursday, 16th December.

SUMATRA MARU (Calls at Penang) Sunday, 19th December.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

BINGO MARU ..... Saturday, 25th December.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

KOSHO MARU ..... End of December.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA &amp; VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 14th December.

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HONOLULU MARU ..... Monday, 13th December.

ATLAS MARU ..... Tuesday, 14th December.

SEATTLE MARU ..... Friday, 24th December.

AMALUNG via SWATOW &amp; AMOY.

MENADO MARU ..... Saturday, 11th December.

KAIO MARU ..... Sunday, 12th December, 10 a.m.

TOZAN ..... Sunday, 19th December, 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd Dec., 4 p.m.

TAKEA via SWATOW &amp; AMOY.

KOTSU MARU ..... Thursday, 16th Dec., 8 a.m.

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Mr. Franklin, President of the International Mercantile Marine, denies the statement published in the New York press, that the Royal Mail Steamship Company has offered to purchase the Leyland and Red Star lines. He added that he has received no offers and is not negotiating a sale. Reuter's American Service.

## ARMS TRAFFIC.

"BENGLOE'S" PAINTER JAILED.

For possession of 3 revolvers and 200 rounds of ammunition, Man Pui, a painter on the s.s. "Bengloe" was yesterday sentenced by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill to two years' hard labour.

Mr. F. G. Vanx (defending) pleaded "guilty" and asked for leniency as it was alleged that defendant had been forced to carry the arms for the No. 1 seaman. Defendant had only made one trip to Europe and could not have been implicated before in the smuggling "game," submitted Mr. Vanx.

For the Police it was stated that defendant was arrested when boarding a bus in Kowloon, after landing from the "Star" ferry, and a serious view was taken.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVAL.

Among the first class passengers who arrived in Hong Kong on the "President McKinley" on Dec. 9 were:—

Mr. and Mrs. J. de Anna, Mr. H. C. Pullen, Mr. J. J. Strahle, Mr. Ma Ying-piu, Mrs. A. A. Alves, Miss A. Alves, Mr. L. W. Kennedy, Mr. J. A. Hyndman, Mr. F. Schenheimer, Mr. A. F. Alteman, Mr. J. W. Huck, Mr. Wm. H. Young, Miss A. Fitzgerald, Mr. G. Schmidt, Mr. A. N. Spencer, Mr. F. S. Hays, Miss S. Roza, Miss M. Ryder, Mr. H. D. Talbot and Mr. S. M. Finn.

Passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from Australian Ports on the s.s. "Change" on Dec. 10 included:—

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Roxburgh, Mrs. J. Tewkesbury, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Glendinning, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mrs. H. Johnson, Rev. L. Mullany, Mr. J. Howard, Mr. A. Singler, Mr. C. H. Benson, Mr. E. A. Williams, Mr. W. Dorfman, Miss G. Herbert and Mr. J. Rany.

## FAR EAST HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended, December 4 is:—Plague: 3 cases at Mauritius, 1 at Alexandria, 1 at Bombay, 1 at Rangoon.

Cholera: 31 cases at Calcutta, 2 at Rangoon, 1 at Tuticorin, 2 at Singapore, 15 at Haiphong, 5 at Tourane, 1 at Bangkok.

Small-pox: 2 cases at Bombay, 45 at Calcutta, 3 at Madras, 1 at Rangoon, 1 at Tuticorin, 1 at Vizagapatam, 5 at Bangkok.

## 4 LINERS IN PORT.

Four big liners were in port yesterday, these being the "Malwa" from Singapore, the "Macedonia" from Shanghai, the "President McKinley" from Shanghai and the "Change" from Australia.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. &amp; O. s.s. "Mamoa" from Hong Kong arrived Manille on December 10, at noon.

The E. I. s.s. "Takliwa" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 8, and is due here on Dec. 12, at about 7 a.m.

The P. &amp; O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 8, at noon, and is due here on Dec. 13, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 4, and is due here on December 23.

Praia, Cape Verde, Dec. 10.—Captain Barros, the Brazilian airman, who started out to attempt to fly across the Atlantic from Italy to Brazil, has given up the fight.

## PIRACY EVIL.

CANTON DECIDES ON A CAMPAIGN.

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

General Li Tsai-sun, the senior military commander in Canton, has decided on a campaign against pirates and bandits, to be carried out in three stages.

The first stage will be directed at certain notorious districts in the river delta, viz., Sam Kok Chow, (Pearl River), Nam Hoi, Pui Yu, Shun Tak, Hwang Shan, Sun Ning, Ngung Ko Tsui ("Parrots' Beak" Junction), Chu Tau Shan (Pig's Head Hills), &amp;c.

The 13th division, already famed for exploits against outlaws, will undertake the work with the 20th division.

The campaign will be intensified in the second and third stages.

## THE BIG GALE.

MISHAPS AT CONTINENTAL PORTS.

London, Oct. 11.—The Continent, as well as the British Isles, felt the full force of the gale on October 9 and 10 and several mishaps to ships are reported, with loss of life.

A hurricane raged over Denmark and caused heavy damage, especially to shipping.

An S.O.S. has been received at Helsingborg from the Glasgow steamer "Morocco" who reports her rudder smashed. A salvage vessel is standing by.

The motorship "Parkston," which left Helsingborg on Saturday has only succeeded in making 100 miles, while the British steamer "Glen-selda" dragged her moorings in Copenhagen Harbour and smashed in some of her plates before she could be re-moored.

The Dutch fishing trawler "Agatha Maria," from Katwyk-on-Sea, foundered near Wyk-on-Sea, and the crew of 14 were all drowned.

The same evening the Norwegian steamer "Alaaket," from Drammen, bound for Boulogne, sprang a leak and sank off Terschelling, but the crew of 10 men, which included three Swedes, were rescued by two Swedish steam trawlers and landed safely.

The storm which visited Rotterdam was directly responsible for the running down and sinking of a tug on the Maas. The four men constituting her crew were drowned.

Tidal Wave off German Coast.

A tidal wave caused considerable havoc on the North Sea coast. The British steamers "Athens" and "Port Wellington" were off Cuxhaven, and the latter prevented tugs leaving for the coast. Some 40 ships which left Hamburg had to return.

In reference to the above, a wireless message from the Australian liner "Port Wellington" announces the abandonment of the str. "Athens" whose crew of nine were rescued. "Athens" of 255 tons register, owned at Great Yarmouth, was bound to Yarmouth from Hamburg with a cargo of coal.

## GERMAN SHIPPING.

REPORTED GROWTH IN THE PACIFIC.

Dr. Kurt Ziegler, German Consul-General in San Francisco, gives "The Chronicle" an enthusiastic account of the growing trade relations between Germany and the Pacific Coast.

"Before the war, all German-American trade went through New York, even from the Pacific Coast," says Dr. Ziegler. "To-day it is different. Trade relations between Germany and the Pacific Coast are growing rapidly, and American firms here are dealing direct with Germany without any intermediary. We have direct steamship lines from Hamburg to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle, with bi-monthly sailings, which carry both passengers and freight."

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## 3,000-MILE VOYAGE.

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## DEATH FOLLOWS COLLAPSE.

Miss Frances Knowles-Foster, novelist and traveller, who returned home on September 28 in a state of collapse after a thrilling voyage of 3,000 miles in the nine-ton motor yacht "Enchantress," died at the Tapestry Hall, Old Windsor, on October 23, aged 42 years.

Accompanied by her uncle, Commander Simmonds, aged 64, Miss Knowles-Foster navigated the yacht—a 30-year-old ex-naval pinnace—through the Baltic and across Germany and the North Sea.

It was a voyage full of adventures and halfbreath escapes, and when the craft moored at Windsor it was found that, in addition to her nerves and heart being affected by the strain, she had travelled hundreds of miles with a torn arm muscle and a broken finger. Commander Simmonds said the expedition was one of the most remarkable ever undertaken by a woman, and that her pluck was beyond all praise.

## Life of Adventure.

It was a love of the sea, and a wish to obtain first-hand material for a novel and travel book, that led Miss Knowles-Foster, on her adventurous voyage across the North Sea. No woman had previously navigated a vessel of the size of the "Enchantress" on such a journey.

But this journey was by no means the only hazardous experience in Miss Knowles-Foster's life. She was full of the spirit of adventure, a fine horsewoman, and a good shot, and had travelled extensively. She had been lost in the jungle, and had penetrated into the heart of China. During the war she drove her own car in the course of hospital work.

Miss Knowles-Foster was the author of several popular books. She was a Yorkshire woman.

An example of excellent dispatch is reported from Leith. The Holt steamer "Polyphemus" arrived on Nov. 1 from Newport News with a cargo of 6,200 tons of coal. She went into No. 7 berth of the Imperial Dock, discharged her cargo, loaded between 300 and 400 tons of ballast, drydocked for painting and scraping, and sailed on Nov. 7.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
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**A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.**

Hong Kong is a dull place we are often told. We prefer it so if the only alternative is to transform it into a centre of "high" life for the benefit of a few who like to turn night into day to excite their jaded senses. But a "brighter Hong Kong" movement, need not necessarily be conducted with this end in view. What about fairs or fetes at regular intervals—either by private enterprise or otherwise—something after the style of the "heather day" celebrations which were such a pleasant feature of social life here during the War? For proof that a well-conducted fair or fete, offering a variety of attractions, will draw hundreds of the younger generation—and a surprising number of the older, too—one had only to observe the merry crowds that thronged the Catholic Cathedral compound on the occasion of the annual al fresco fete held under the auspices of St. Vincent de Paul. If there were only more of such attractions, affording opportunities for wholesome fun, the motion that "the days of 'Merrie England' were happier than the present" would not, perhaps, have met with the support of many members of the audience who were doubtless influenced by the application of the arguments brought forward to local conditions.

The Philharmonic Society has had no reason to regret the change of policy which the presentation of the first Gilbert and Sullivan opera two years ago inaugurated. Since "The Yeoman of the Guard," there have been equally as successful presentations of "The Gondoliers" and "Iolanthe" and the Society has added still further to its laurels by the thorough manner in which it presented last night "The Pirates of Penzance"—one of the most entertaining operas that has come from the fertile minds of Gilbert and Sullivan. The primary object of the Society is to give recitals of good music. Unfortunately, good music has come to be known as "high-brow" stuff and the term at once antagonises

the very class it is sought to interest. The Society has not abandoned its efforts to give what is really good by concentrating on comic opera. It may be pandering to a wish—or rather meeting it, by giving what is good—or "high-brow" stuff in another connection. Sullivan has survived the test of all classical music—the test of repetition. People come to it again, and again—as was evidenced by the excellent attendance last night—to be refreshed in mind and spirit and to realise that there is a champagne in music as there is, also, a drug. It is true that Gilbert is not behindhand. His contribution of sparkling dialogue, witty repartee and humorous situation adds its own share to the joint success achieved and is nowhere so clearly marked as in "The Pirates of Penzance." There is every indication that, in spite of the absence of old friends among the principals, this opera will go down as one of the most successful in the history of the Society.

On the Continent, travel is attended by far more inconvenience in the matter of passport and visa regulations than is fortunately the case in the undertaking of considerably longer journeys to and from the East. A growing consciousness of the futility of many of the irksome restrictions on the free movement of subjects of friendly Powers found expression earlier in the year in a conference which was held at Geneva for the purpose of considering the question of simplifying and cheapening the passport and visa procedure. Even more significant is the request of the German Government this week for the abolition of visas between Great Britain and Germany, in that the department from which the request emanated—the Foreign Office—is one which is associated in the public mind with the most extreme officialdom in such matters. Although the period for which a passport is available has been lengthened from two years to five, there are still many here in Hong Kong, as elsewhere, who are caught napping when they are called to undertake a journey at short notice. It is difficult to see what can replace the passport as a certificate of naturalisation, identity and, to some slight extent, of respectability, but, having regard to the fact that a passport is an official recognition of the photograph of an individual and his nationality, is it not reasonable to ask that the validity of the passport should last so long as that photograph sufficiently resembles him?

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. MacLeod have returned to Shanghai from a holiday spent at Homa.

Senator William M. Butler who is a guest at the White House, said that he did not intend to retire as Chairman of the Republican National Committee because of his defeat by Senator David I. Walsh in the Massachusetts Senatorial contest on November 2. President Coolidge also indicated that he saw no reason for Senator Butler to retire from the chairmanship of the Committee.

**FETE SUCCESS.**

\$22,000 FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL?

COMMITTEE'S THANKS.

The gross receipts of the Rose Day and last Sunday's Bazaar are expected to amount to about \$22,000, of which, \$4,518.98 represents the proceeds of the Sale of Roses. About 12,500 Roses were disposed of.

In the list of "Rose Sellers" published last week the name of Mrs. Hedley was omitted. She kindly took charge of the Hung-hom districts and collected \$109.72.

The Bazaar Committee desire to convey their grateful thanks to His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi for extending their patronage to the Fete; Mrs. H. W. Bird for having so efficiently organised the Rose Day; to all who assisted in making the Rose Day and the Bazaar, as successful as it could be expected, considering the prevailing conditions; Hong Kong & Territorial Estates Ltd., (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers) for providing Headquarters for the display of Toys for the Bazaar; Alexandra Cafe for placing at the disposal of the Society its commodious mezzanine floor for counting up Rose Day collections; to the many generous donations to the funds of the Fete; to the ladies and various stores and firms who sent Souvenirs and prizes for the various Stalls; the Rev. Fathers of the Italian Mission for the loan of the flags; men of H.M.S. "Tamar" for putting up the bunting and decorations; Mr. M. F. Baptista for the artistic display-cards; the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., for illumination; men of H.M.S. "Ambrose" for taking charge of the tickets of admission; Lt.-Col. Comyn and Officers of the 2nd Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers for their excellent Band; the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department for the Christmas Tree; the Hong Kong Tramways Co., the Peak Tramway Co., the Star Ferry Co., the Clubs and Hotels for advertising facilities; the Press for their sympathetic support; the Lane, Crawford Restaurant for the Xmas Cake for the Guessing Competition, and for running for Tea Room and Refreshment Stall; the Dairy Farm Co., for the various prizes for the Guessing Competition and for running the Farm Yard, which was so much appreciated by the public; Mr. U. Rumjahn for the use of the drum for the Motor Car Draw; Mr. D. O. de Silva for the Show—"15 minutes in Japan"; Police Department for the excellent police arrangements; Fire Brigade, the Boy Scouts of the 15th Troop, the Chinese C.Y.M.S., the Chinese C.Y.L.S., and the "Little Flower" Association for the good services rendered; Messrs. Xavier Bros., for procuring the European Toys without commission; Messrs. A. Goeke & Co., agents of Fiat for the Motor Car at a reduced price; Messrs. Grace & Co., for 2,000 Post Cards for the Picture Gallery; Bank shroffs for their useful services at the Bazaar-Bank; Mr. Moncrieff of the H.S.B.C. for arranging the conveyance of the takings to the Bank after the Fete; and all others not here mentioned, who contributed in any way towards the success of the Fete.

**More Donations.**

The Society has received the following additional gifts to the funds of the Fete:—

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Messrs. Sam Shing Wo, one case Preserved Ginger.  
Guessing Competition Results.  
Xmas Cake, second trial, number chosen 132. Seven competitors won by L. V. Antonio, No. 135—(nearest).  
"Sucking Pig, still in dispute—five contestants.

**LAST NIGHT'S DANCE.****SECOND OF K.C.C. WINTER SERIES.**

With an excellent floor and the music of the "Melodians" orchestra, twelve o'clock came all too quickly for the hundred or more members and their lady friends who attended the dance held at Lane, Crawford's cafe last night under the auspices of the Kowloon Cricket Club.

This is the second of the pleasant social functions arranged by the Club for the winter season.

Naval Men Gather.  
The Cafe Parisien was the venue for the fortnightly dance last night of the Naval Commissioned and Warrant Officers' Club, about eighty subscribers and friends enjoying a pleasant evening, the proceedings being brought to a close at midnight.

**MATILDA HOSPITAL.**

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How Institution is Administered.

Although the Matilda Hospital is a private institution, the administration of which is not affected by changes in Government policy, the controversy as to increased medical rates in other Hospitals serves to draw attention to the admirable work carried on at Mt. Kellett.

Contrary to general impression, it may be interesting to note that there is no stipulation in the Matilda Hospital debarbing the admission of patients with a salary of more than \$300 a month. Hence, the suggestion that is sometimes heard that, in view of greatly enhanced costs of living and the satisfactory financial position of the Hospital, such a "stipulation" might be revised, is based on a fallacy.

The fixing of a certain salary as a maximum would obviously lead to anomalies in that some have greater encumbrances than others and the policy which has governed admittance to the Hospital since its foundation in 1896 is that patients who cannot afford to pay ordinary medical fees shall be considered eligible for admittance to the Matilda. In regard to any possible extension of this policy, the trustees are bound by the terms of the trust.

**Enlarging Accommodation.**  
The present accommodation of the Matilda Hospital provides for 36 beds, but work is in hand for the provision of a dozen more, the sisters having been provided with new quarters, and the work of converting the old into new wards having begun. These wards will be very useful in the summer when the accommodation at present available is taxed to the utmost. Improvements are also in hand in the matter of the water and heating supply, providing for the installation of an entirely new service.

Such additions will add to the conveniences of an already up-to-date and well equipped hospital. The charm of its situation is well known to such as have been patients or have paid visits. Commanding a view which is bound on the one side by Mrs. Bay, on the other beyond Gap Rock and the mouth of the Canton river, the stretch which is under observation to the onlooker comprises 3,400 square miles. The Hospital grounds are trim and neat and the main hospital block, the sisters' quarters and the maternity block are as pleasantly situated to the eye as they are well placed for catching the health-giving breezes and sunshine. The Hospital has its own X-ray plant, dispensary, laboratory, etc.

**History of the Hospital.**  
It may be interesting to those of our readers who are unacquainted with the circumstances of the founding of the Hospital to recall such as come to mind. It owes its foundation to the late Mr. Granville Sharp after whose wife, Matilda, it was named. Mr. Sharp, whose association with the Colony dated to the early days of Sir Paul Chater here, was interested in land speculation. He is stated to have been a well-read man, somewhat advanced in thought, and from the time of his earliest associations with Hong Kong, he was desirous of being in a position before he left of building a Hospital which would be of benefit to the poor.

**Terms of Bequest.**  
The idea developed in his mind during the period immediately following his wife Matilda's death in 1892 but the Hospital did not come into being until after his death owing to the dropping out of the scheme of a brother-in-law who was originally to have participated. After leaving legacies to his immediate relatives, Mr. Sharp, in his will, left the residue for the purpose of founding an institution which should be "for the benefit of the poor, the indigent and the forsaken." These words have, naturally enough, been difficult to construe. After Mr. Sharp's death there was a lawsuit (in 1904) in which some of the relatives contested the will, the result being that the estate was more or less in Chancery.

Dr. J. H. Sanders, the present medical officer in charge of the Hospital, came out to Hong Kong in 1906 to set the institution going as a purely private charitable concern, which it has remained since. Trustees have since been appointed, the present Chairman being Mr. A. H. Barlow. The late Sir Paul Chater was also a Chairman.

**Early Opposition.**  
There was at first opposition to the Hospital in that it was

**A \$1,000 BOND.**

ACTION BY A FORMER PARTNER.

**A SUMMARY COURT CASE.**

A bond for \$1,000 as security against possible arrears of rent figured in a Summary Court case yesterday in which the plaintiff was Mr. N. L. Brewer, of the Victoria Hotel, Kowloon, and the defendants, Messrs. Brewer and Company, booksellers of Pedder Street, in which concern plaintiff was formerly a partner.

Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for the defendants and plaintiff conducted his own case.

Following an argument as to whether the Summary Court had jurisdiction in the case, plaintiff amended the writ to read "the plaintiff's claim is for the payment by the defendants to the plaintiff of \$1,000 or so much thereof as is now owing to the Chinese Estates Ltd."

Plaintiff explained that the bond remained void, so long as the rent was paid. Rent was now owing and, although plaintiff's association with the defendant company's business had ceased, he was still held liable under the bond. The bond itself stated that Messrs. Pasco and Brewer were guarantors to the lessee and went on to state that the lessee accepted it in lieu of the deposit.

Mr. Brewer quoted several cases in support of his case. He said he would be none the richer if the \$1,000 was awarded him as it belonged to the lessors.

Mr. M. W. Lo said that the plaintiff was backing out of his contract. He had come to Court to ask to be released from his bond. The landlord had a right to hold him to it.

Mr. Justice Wood thought that the bond was still in force and plaintiff could not get out of his responsibility.

Mr. Lo: He wants \$1,000, and if it is accepted by the landlord the bond would be done away with.

After further argument, Mr. Lo agreed that as the writ was amended, Mr. Brewer could not back out of it.

Mr. Lo then argued that Mr. Brewer's liability would not arise until the lease terminated. At present there was no liability of any kind.

Mr. Justice Wood referring to the bond, said that liability arose immediately on default. Mr. Lo eventually agreed.

At this stage the case was adjourned until 11.45 a.m. on Monday.

**STOLE BUS TICKETS.****HARD LABOUR FOR CONDUCTORS.**

Two bus conductors were convicted at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of stealing 815 bus tickets, the property of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company.

Mr. Losepy, who defended on behalf of one of the men, pleaded guilty and said that the tickets could easily be taken from the premises. He asked his Worship to believe that the boy was led astray by his elders.

Inspector Phillips agreed with defending solicitor's statement with regard to the temptation put in the way of employees. It was the easiest thing possible to take tickets from the office without being observed.

When asked if the manager was present, his Worship was told that he had not come to Court, but had sent a clerk to prosecute on behalf of the Company.

Speaking to the clerk his Worship asked why the manager had not come to Court and was told that the clerk had been sent because he knew more of the case than the manager and also that the latter was busy yesterday morning.

His Worship: In fact he does not manage the company. You are the person who is responsible for this extraordinarily slack supervision.

His Worship imposed sentence of one month's hard labour each.

thought it would interfere with the work of private practitioners and, again, that it would induce ne'er-do-wells to loaf here. Any such possibility was, however, removed by the action of the trustees in deciding that people who could not afford ordinary medical fees should be considered "poor" within the meaning of the trust and that a doctor's recommendation should suffice.

For thirty years, the Matilda Hospital has been a god-send to those who, without it, would have been unable to obtain the medical attention of which they stood in need. Their gratitude for benefits received is expressed in many letters received by the Hospital management by former patients.



# "SUNNING" PIRACY.

WHY THE SHIP WAS FIRED.

## 3RD ENGINEER'S EVIDENCE.

The trial of the twenty men alleged to have participated in the "Sunning" piracy was continued at the Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon when evidence was given by Mr. Andrew Doherty, 3rd Engineer of the ship. Witness said that he was in the engine room at 2.50 p.m. on November 15. At 4 o'clock he sent a greaser up to the 2nd Engineer, but when the man got to the top of the platform, he was chased down by a Chinese armed with a gun. Witness was relieved by the Chief Officer. When he reached the saloon deck, he saw two armed men. He was allowed to pass to his room which he found all upside down, the contents of his drawers being strewn over the floor.

Mr. Holmes: When did you last see Mr. Lapsley?—About 11.30 p.m.

Continuing, witness said that he heard the "shooting" and remembered hearing the Chief Engineer shout "My God! My God! Don't shoot." The Chief Engineer came into the Captain's room wounded. Witness afterwards assisted those below to get through the skylight.

Questioned with regard to the fire, witness said that he first saw smoke at about 8.30. "I saw some plates setting fire to one of the niches, and I fired. I also fired from the top of the wireless house to the poop."

Witness said that later on, he left the ship in No. 2 life-boat and was subsequently picked up by a Norwegian steamer and later transferred to "H.M.S. 'Vorty'" which brought him to Hong Kong.

Mr. Holmes: Can you identify any of the pirates to whom you have referred?—Yes. No. 2 was always walking round the saloon deck. I have no doubt whatever about that. I saw No. 3 in the Chief Officer's room and I am quite convinced that No. 5 was the fellow who walked through the saloon with a gun whilst we were having dinner. I found No. 20 in my cabin on one occasion before dinner.

Witness added that he recognised No. 19, who was the ship's carpenter. He did not see that man participate in the piracy.

Replying to the 3rd defendant, witness stated: "I saw you dozens of times from 5 o'clock onwards."

## Cross Examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he was not informed that the "Bluebell" had picked up a boat until he reached Hong Kong.

Mr. d'Almada: Was that before you attended an identification parade at the Police Station?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: I want to ask you whether you agree with the views expressed by Mr. Orr. He expressed the opinion that the pirates deliberately set fire to the boats and centre castle of the ship in order to remove all evidence of the piracy. Do you agree with that?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Mr. Orr also stated that he heard or saw firing up to 4.15, but that he heard no firing afterwards. Do you agree?—Yes. I did not hear any.

Mr. Lo: Mr. Orr also said that it was his opinion at the time that when the second boat left, all the able-bodied pirates had left the ship. We didn't leave for some time. I was doubtful and took precautions before the boat was lowered.

Mr. Lo: What was your view when you were leaving?—I did not think of anything like that.

Mr. Lo: I do want you to think very carefully. This is a very serious matter from the point of view of people who may be innocent. In view of your strong view that the setting fire to the ship was deliberate, do you now express the view that all the pirates, except the wounded and dead, left by the two boats?—I thought that if all the pirates had left, why were they so anxious about the boats? We were guarding, and why did they send a message asking for a boat?

Mr. Lo: This is very interesting. May I ask if you gave that information to the Crown Solicitor?—I cannot remember.

Mr. Lo: You are not mixing that up with what the newspapers have called an armistice?—Perhaps, I am.

Mr. Lo: Bearing in mind the circumstances, do you now agree with the opinion that Mr. Orr entertained?—I still do not think that all the surviving pirates left the ship.

Mr. Lo: You now think that in doing what they did, they were

# THE OIL TRIAL.

DOHENY ON "JAPANESE MENACE."

Washington, Dec. 10. Cross-examined in the Oil Conspiracy case Mr. Doherty asserted that it was the "Japanese menace" of 1921 which induced him to embark on the Elk Hills Lease-Pearl Harbour Storage contract.

He said that Admiral Robinson, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Engineering patriotically appealed to him to ensure the American Navy an adequate supply of oil in Hawaii lest the Japanese threat should materialise and United States find itself in the position of Belgium when invaded by the Germans.

Mr. Doherty added that Admiral Robinson confided to him that the United States Government called the Armament Conference for the purpose of having other nations confront Japan.

Adverting to the \$3100,000 loan made to Mr. Fall, Mr. Doherty insisted that it was merely a personal transaction and not connected with the pending oil contracts.—Reuter's American Service.

# DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

ACTIVITIES AT END OF THE TERM.

The annual examinations for Classes 3 to 8 at the Diocesan Boys' School finished on Wednesday last. Classes 1 and 2 are taking the Hong Kong University Matriculation and Junior Examinations this week and next.

The promotion for Classes 3 to 8 will be made on Monday, Dec. 18. On Thursday last all the boys in these Classes, 214 in number with one exception, were divided into eight Junior and eight senior association football teams and a knock out competition was played all day, each two teams playing fifteen minutes each way.

## A Long Trek.

On Friday three masters, three lady teachers and 166 boys went by launch from Mongkok to Tsunwan, walked through Pineapple Pass to the Shing Mun Valley, through the new water tunnel and thence to Lai-chi-kok. The party left School at 9.30 a.m. and returned at 3.30 p.m. with the loss so far as could be ascertained of only one pair of shoes and stockings.

# FUNERAL.

LATE MR. J. B. MOORE.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. B. Moore, who died at the Peak Hospital on Thursday, took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave conducting the service.

Among those present at the graveside were:—Mr. G. M. Young (Manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Ltd.), Messrs. C. C. Knight, M. M. Murray, H. J. Love, C. W. Olson, W. C. Innes, D. Mackenzie, T. Low, A. E. Greenway, V. H. C. Jarrett, R. W. Stoddart, J. H. R. Hance, J. D. H. Crawford, Capt. Chalmers, R. E., Capt. Innes, and several Chinese members of the China Navigation Wireless School.

Wreaths were sent by "his sister and niece," Mr. G. M. Young, Messrs. W. J. Roper, W. C. Innes, A. Bredford, A. Chapman, Tse Ming, R. W. Stoddart, L. A. Macfarlane, V. H. C. Jarrett, Luk Yu-chung, H. J. Love, J. D. H. Crawford, O. E. White, D. L. Lyle, T. Low, Chung Man-kong, F. H. Neale (Shanghai), J. R. Kinghorn, Tam Yuen-

# COUNT AND HIS WIFE.

New York, Dec. 10. Count Ludwig Salm, an Austrian nobleman, and an ex-international tennis champion is seeking a judicial separation from his wife, Millicent, daughter of Colonel Rogers, the multi-millionaire magnate of the Standard Oil Company.



COUNT SALM

"His wife is willing to separate but denies the court's jurisdiction as Count Salm is not residing in America."

The Count admitted to the court that during his honeymoon he received \$500 as the supposed author of certain newspaper articles entitled "How I Wooded and Won Millicent Rogers."—Reuter's American Service.

## AWARD TO MR. E. ROOT.

New York, December 10.—Mr. Elihu Root has been awarded the Woodrow Wilson Foundation

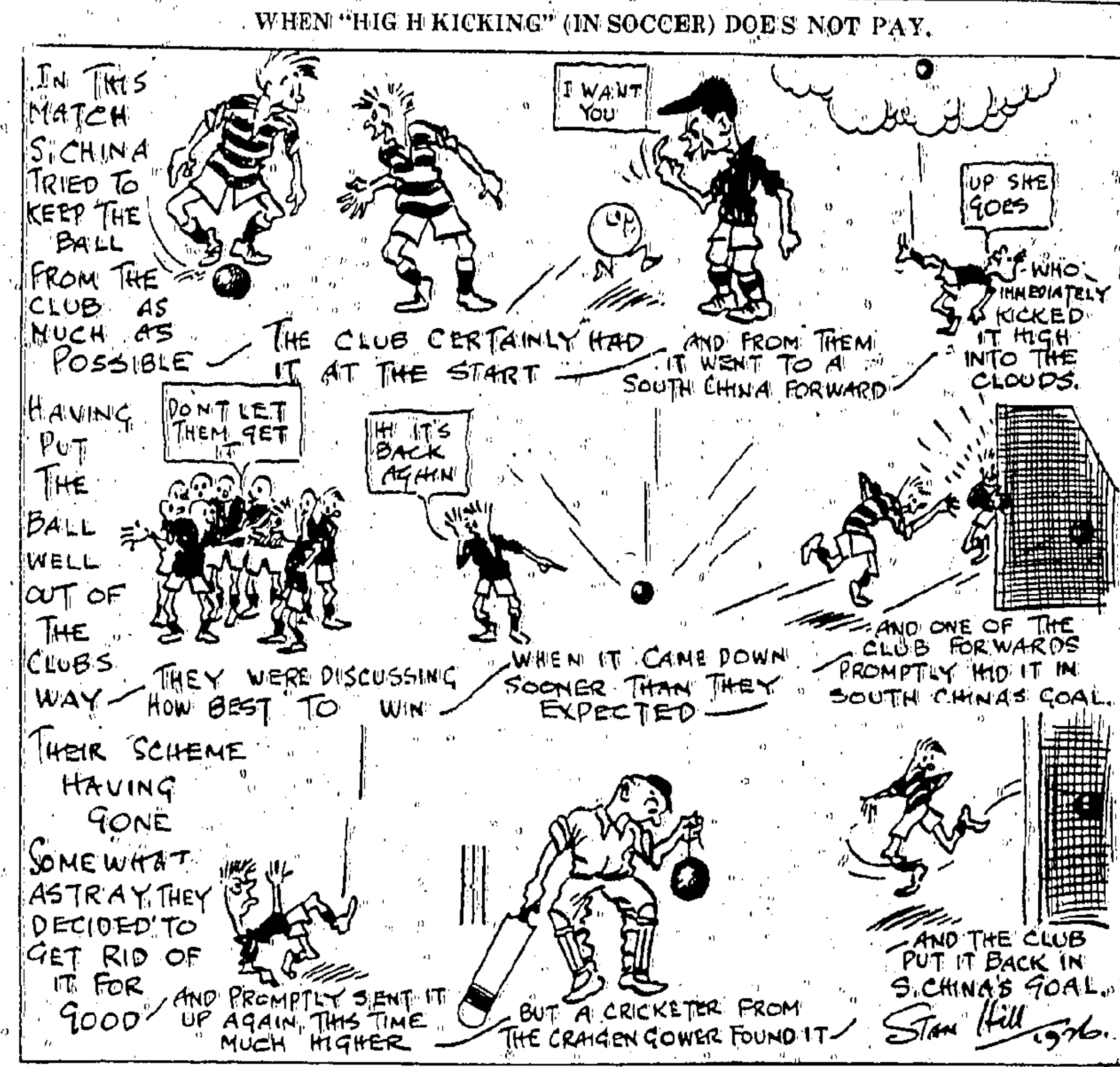


memorial medal award and \$25,000 in appreciation of his services in the creation of the Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague in 1920.—Reuter's American Service.

The next Criminal Sessions will be held on Monday, December 20.

It is notified that the name of The Hing Fat Steamship Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register of Companies.

The list of public and general holidays to be observed as Government holidays in 1927 is published in the "Government Gazette."



Ballooning the ball—to use a favourite soccer term, was resorted to by the South China team in last Saturday's senior league match at Happy Valley. Such tactics did not pay as the Hong Kong F.C. won by 2 goals to nil and preferred to kick ahead instead of into the clouds. Above is the cartoonist's view of how "hide-and-seek" has played.

# ROYAL AIR FORCE.

FEWER FATAL ACCIDENTS TO-DAY.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

An official report on the British Air Force says the machines and engines were subjected to much more drastic examination than those of other countries.

Technical and scientific experiments were constantly being made to introduce new types of machines more easily controlled, and safety devices for diminishing the likelihood of accidents.

All recommendations made to prevent accidents were most carefully studied. These reports showed no particular machine was specially liable to accident, and an important fact which emerged was that when account was taken of the number of flying hours in units of the Air Force and auxiliary units, the proportion of fatal accidents are tending to decrease.

Despite recent accidents, the present year was in this respect the second best in the experience of the Air Force.—British Wireless Service.

# COAL PEACE.

OVER 800,000 MEN NOW AT WORK.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

Over 800,000 miners are now at work, and if the demand for coal is increased as a result of further price reductions, considerably more men will be employed, and permanent unemployment among miners as a result of the stoppage will be much less than had been feared.

The last of the export embargoes will be removed by midnight on Sunday, after which anthracite and coke may be freely exported.

The Council of the Mining Association, which is the coal owners' organisation, yesterday approved the formation of joint pit committees, including representatives of the workmen, and also decided to contribute to the research fund.—British Wireless Service.



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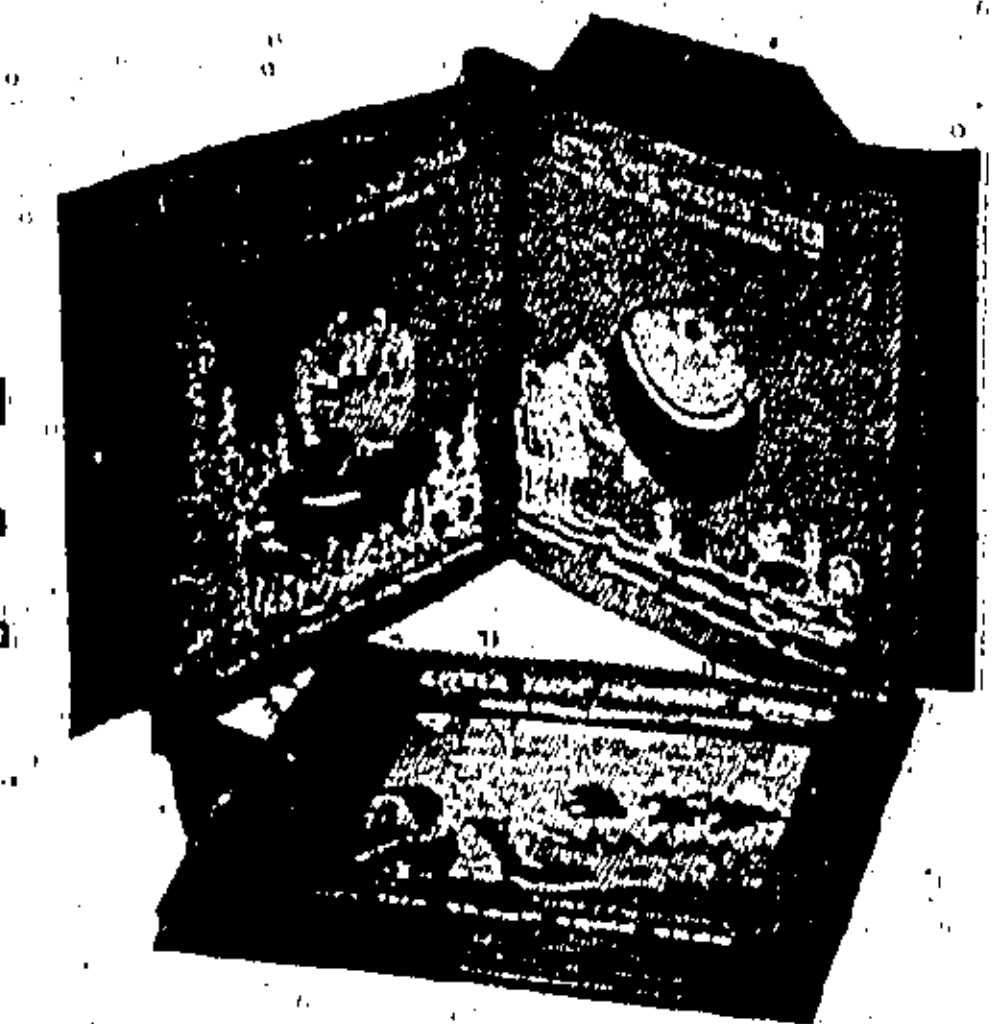
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| 1 qt. Burgundy                                  | 1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin |
| 1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy                      | 1 qt. V. de Pasto Sherry         |
| 2 qts. King George IV W.L. or Perfection Whisky | 1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters       |

## No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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Quarry Bay School pupils are  
giving a display (at the school) at  
11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 17.

On Monday, the new term be-  
gins at St. Stephen's College,  
Prospect Place, Bonham Road.

Union Church (Kowloon) will  
hold the annual congregation  
meeting (business and social) on  
Dec. 15 at 8.30 p.m.

Reminder: St. John Ambulance  
Brigade annual competition for the  
"Ralphs" shield on Murray Parade  
Ground at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Confirmation classes will com-  
mence at St. Andrew's Church,  
Kowloon at 10 a.m. to-morrow with  
a united class for boys and girls.

"Theosophy and World Prob-  
lems" was the subject of a very  
interesting lecture given by Mr.  
H. E. Lamport at Thursday's meet-  
ing of the Theosophical Society  
(Hong Kong Lodge).

Mrs. J. C. Griggs spoke on  
"Some Aspects of Browning's  
Poetry" last night before the Arts  
and Science Club of Lingnan  
University (formerly Canton Chris-  
tian College).

A decision has been made by Gen-  
eral Teng Yen-tah to establish a  
library in Wuchang, with Mr.  
Chang Peh-chun as responsible or-  
ganizer. A sum of \$1,000 has  
been appropriated for the purpose.

To-day the Christmas sale be-  
gins at Messrs. Hall, Law & Co.,  
Lth. Nos. 30-32, Des Voeux Road  
Central, in photographic requisites,  
binoculars etc. This lasts twenty-  
one days and early inspection is  
recommended.

The case in which L. Coonting,  
of the Chartered Bank, Kuala  
Lumpur, was charged with criminal  
misappropriation of the sum of  
\$2,502.22, was mentioned in the  
Kuala Lumpur police court, before  
the second magistrate, Mr.  
O'Connell, A.P.C., said that his in-  
structions were to withdraw the  
charge against the accused. The  
case against P. M. Hendroff, of the  
General Post Office, who was  
charged with abetting the offence,  
was also withdrawn.

With a view to encouraging  
the staff on the Shanghai-Nanking  
and Shanghai-Hangchow railways,  
as well as the various officers con-  
nected with the local land and naval  
forces, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang  
dispatched on November 19 a sum  
of \$20,000 to them as remuneration.

The Peking Government is in  
receipt of a telegram from General  
Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi requesting  
permission to extend the period for  
the levy of the communications,  
customs and other surtaxes so as  
to raise funds for the relief of the  
victims of famines and war in  
Shansi.

The Hankow Printers' Union  
on November 20 submitted seven  
demands to the proprietors of vari-  
ous printing establishments, de-  
manding a reply within forty-eight  
hours. The employers have replied  
asking for an extension of the time-  
limit so as to enable them to study  
their demands and frame counter-  
proposals.

A large supply of arms and am-  
munition, said to have been im-  
ported from Denmark by Gen. Ko Yin-  
chih for the use of Marshal Wu-  
Peifu's army, has reached Shang-  
hai and has been detained by the  
authorities owing to the fact that  
no *huchao* (permit) has been pre-  
sented. Until one is forthcoming,  
the consignment will be held up.

Various German organizations  
of civil service employees and  
clerks have fused into a single na-  
tionwide union. Chancellor Marx,  
in welcoming the announcement,  
expressed his satisfaction at the  
fusion by declaring that he prefer-  
red to have eventually to work with  
one organization representing all  
instead of with many smaller ones.

Another armed robbery occur-  
red in the French Concession,  
Shanghai, on Nov. 26, when three  
men, armed with pistols, broke into  
a Chinese dwelling house occupied  
by a man named Kuo Hung-tse, in-  
timidated the inmates by threaten-  
ing them with pistols, and made  
good their escape with a number of  
valuable articles. The owner of  
the house attempted to follow the  
miscreants to the door, but, in  
doing so, received a bullet in the  
right arm.

Japan is negotiating with  
Persia for the establishment of an  
Embassy at Teheran.

By way of protest against the  
action of the Governor-General  
abolishing the Board of Control of  
the Philippine national enterprises,  
the Speaker of the House of Repre-  
sentatives and the President of the  
Senate have announced the inten-  
tion of the Legislature to go on a  
non-co-operative strike and to re-  
fuse to hold sessions in future.

A perfectly-preserved mam-  
moth, frozen between sheets of ice  
for innumerable centuries, has been  
discovered in the Trans-Baikal pro-  
vince, according to a reliable  
report from China. The mammoth,  
which is only the second to be  
found for a hundred years, has  
been shipped to the Academy of  
Sciences at Leningrad for examina-  
tion.

Germany has announced, offi-  
cially a new series of postage  
stamps decorated with representa-  
tions of the heads of celebrated  
Germans (Goethe, Schiller, and  
Beethoven). The decision to use a  
representation of the head of Fred-  
erick the Great on the penny stamp  
(which is the most used) has been  
criticized by the "Republican  
Press."

The Tokyo Government has de-  
cided to introduce an opium mono-  
poly system in Kwantung Leased  
Territory, and the system is being  
drafted among the Foreign, Justice,  
and Kwantung Government people.  
Of many complicated necessary  
formalities, the profits from the  
opium traffic will be placed as an  
item on Special Account, under the  
control of the Finance Ministry. The  
matter will be presented to the com-  
ing session of the Diet.

Extensive plans for the im-  
provement of Peking streets and  
the sewerage system are under way,  
the Metropolitan Municipal Ad-  
ministration directing the work.  
The outer wall of the Forbidden  
City has been torn down, and  
bricks and materials taken from  
the west part of the wall will be  
kept for use in building the new  
sewer. Construction of the im-  
provements will be entirely in  
accordance with modern methods.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A Reuter cable from Belgrade an-  
nounces the death of the former  
Premier, M. Pachitch.

Our Singapore correspondent  
cables the death of Mr. Scott  
Falschaw, for 32 years' Government  
Veterinary Surgeon.

Miss Alice Fitzgerald of the  
Rockefeller Foundation arrived in  
Hong Kong by the "President  
McKinley" on Thursday, from  
Seattle.

Mr. Jose de Acuna (of the In-  
sular Lumber Co. of Manila) and  
Mrs. de Acuna arrived here on the  
"President McKinley" on Thursday,  
from Seattle and Shanghai.

A representative of the Raymond  
Phe Driving Co. in Mr. Wm. H.  
Young came to Hong Kong this  
week on the "President McKinley"  
from Seattle (via Shanghai).

Among the passengers who dis-  
embarked here from the "President  
McKinley" on Thursday (arrived  
from Shanghai) were Mrs. A. A.  
Alves, Miss A. Alves and Mr. J. A.  
Hyndman.

Mr. J. W. Huck, Oriental repre-  
sentative of the Great Northern  
Railway, (of America), came to  
Hong Kong on the "President  
McKinley" which arrived on  
Thursday from Seattle.

Among those who arrived on the  
"Changte" from Australia yesterday  
were Mr. C. H. Benson, Mr. E. A.  
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. C.  
Anthony and Mr. and Mrs. D. W.  
Roxburgh.

Mr. S. T. Williamson, the well-  
known shipping merchant of Hong  
Kong, came back to the Colony from  
Australia yesterday on the  
"Changte," accompanied by Mrs.  
Williamson.

Mr. Ma Ying-pu, managing direc-  
tor of the Sincere Co., Ltd. and  
affiliated companies, who is well-  
known both in Hong Kong and  
abroad, returned from a trip to the  
North, on Thursday by the "Presi-  
dent McKinley."

His Majesty the King has been  
graciously pleased to award the  
Imperial Service Medal to Mr. C.  
de Silva, of Kuala Lumpur, in  
recognition of his long and meri-  
torious service under the Govern-  
ment. Mr. de Silva, lately retired,  
had been in the Survey Department  
for a period of over thirty-seven  
years.

Miss Alice MacDougall, daughter  
of United States Admiral and Mrs.  
MacDougall, was married on  
November 18 to Mr. Henrik de  
Kaufmann, Danish Minister to  
Japan and China, at Portsmouth,  
New Hampshire.

General Li Pao-chang, Commis-  
sioner of the Defence, left Shang-  
hai for Nanking on Nov. 24 to con-  
fer with General Lu Hsiang-tung,  
supreme of Chekiang, and Marshal  
San Chuan-fang's representative at  
Nanking regarding questions of  
Shanghai's defence.

Mr. Curtis W. Childs, manager  
of the Foreign Department of the  
First National Bank of Boston,  
Mass., and Professor George B.  
Rorback, of the Harvard School  
of Business Administration, have  
arrived in Shanghai and will re-  
main for about three weeks.  
They are making a study of the  
economic conditions of the Far  
East.

Mr. A. de C. Sowerby, who  
lectured before the China Society  
of Science and Arts, Shanghai on  
Nov. 26, on the animal life of the  
Yangtze Delta, which mainly in-  
cludes the province of Kiangsu, is  
well known as a naturalist and ex-  
plorer and has spent much time  
investigating the fauna of this pro-  
vince. He is editor of the China  
Journal besides being the author  
of several books on natural history  
subjects.

## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

Oslo, Dec. 10.  
The Nobel Peace Prize, 1925,  
has been awarded to Sir Austen  
Chamberlain and the American  
General, Charles Dawes, and the  
Peace Prize for 1926 to M. Briand  
and Herr Stresemann. The  
awards were announced with im-  
posing ceremony attended by a  
nationally representative gather-  
ing, including the King and the  
Crown Prince. Commander Nan-  
sen in a speech said that the  
Dawes plan first brought light to  
darkest. Europe after the war,  
while the initiative of Locarno  
came from Herr Luther Strese-  
mann and Sir Austen Chamber-  
lain while M. Briand contributed  
very largely to the conclusion of  
the Rhine treaty which intro-  
duced a new spirit in the relations  
between former adversaries, elimi-  
nating the Rhine as a cause of  
conflicts in European politics.—  
Reuter.

Mr. F. H. Tyson, in charge of  
the Standard Oil Co's interests at  
Canton, is leaving Canton to-day  
to go on leave in America.

Comdr. J. M. Smeallie, U.S.N. and  
Mrs. Smeallie, Dr. V. C. Vaughn  
and Mrs. Vaughn are among the  
passengers who passed through  
Hong Kong this week on the "Pre-  
sident McKinley" bound for Manila  
from Seattle.

Mr. W. Glendinning, outside  
superintendent of Hong Kong Tram-  
ways, Ltd., returned from leave in  
Australia yesterday, by the "Chang-  
te," accompanied by Mrs.  
Glendinning and family. Mr.  
Glendinning is a lawn bowls en-  
thusiast.

General Chen Ta-chun (Chin  
Tai-kwan in Cantonese pronuncia-  
tion), the "Precautionary Com-  
mander of Canton," has succeeded  
Li Chang-tat as Commissioner of  
Public Safety in Canton (a position  
equivalent to that of head of police  
and gendarmerie).

Six diplomatic delegates, includ-  
ing Dr. C. T. Wang and others,  
have been elected by the Three  
Provinces Association. With the  
exception of Dr. Wang who is now  
in Manila all the rest will call on  
the local British, American, French  
and Japanese Consuls-General in a  
day or two to explain to them the  
nature of the new organisation,  
says the Kuo Wen Agency.

A number of Chinese ladies and  
gentlemen were amongst the guests  
of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief of  
the China Station (Vice-Admiral  
Sir Edwyn Alexander-Sinclair) on  
H.M.S. "Hawkins" last evening at  
a dinner dance. There were the  
Hon. Sir Shou-son and Lady Chow,  
Mrs. Burma Liu of Peking, Mrs.  
James Chan of Chungking, Mrs.  
Y. K. Chow, Dr. and Mrs. Tam of  
Tientsin, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew  
Cheung and Mr. Li Chor-chi.

Mr. W. H. Threlfall, Acting  
Controller, Posts and Telegraphs,  
Penang, is proceeding home upon  
retirement after a distinguished  
career in the Straits Settlements  
Postal Department. He came out  
to Malaya first in April, 1898, and  
has filled many appointments in  
Singapore and Penang. He will be  
chiefly remembered in connection  
with the very keen interest he has  
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## People and Events in the News of the World



Mrs. Vincent Astor, society leader, welcomed Queen Marie of Roumania on behalf of the City of New York.



Here are Ivy Ellison, winner, and Ada Phillips and Nopanna Rose, runners up in a contest to find the "most beautiful girl" in the British Isles.



Mrs. Arthur Collins, who as Miss Ruth Davidson won a national beauty contest, is now the mother of a baby girl.



Senator Irvine Lenroot (left) and Governor John J. Blaine (right) locked horns in a bitter political battle for the Wisconsin Senatorship.



TOM TAGGART



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HARRY M. DAUGHERTY

The name of Tom Taggart, Indiana politician, was to be deleted from a book by Edna Ferber in which she described him as a gambler. He threatened to sue. Colonel Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, and Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney-general, were tried on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government in the \$7,000,000 American Metals case, but the jury disagreed.



Baroness Robert D'Erlanger, formerly Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt, has been honeymooning with her fifth husband, George W. Childs McCarter.



Senator Oscar Underwood was photographed on his return from a vacation in Europe.



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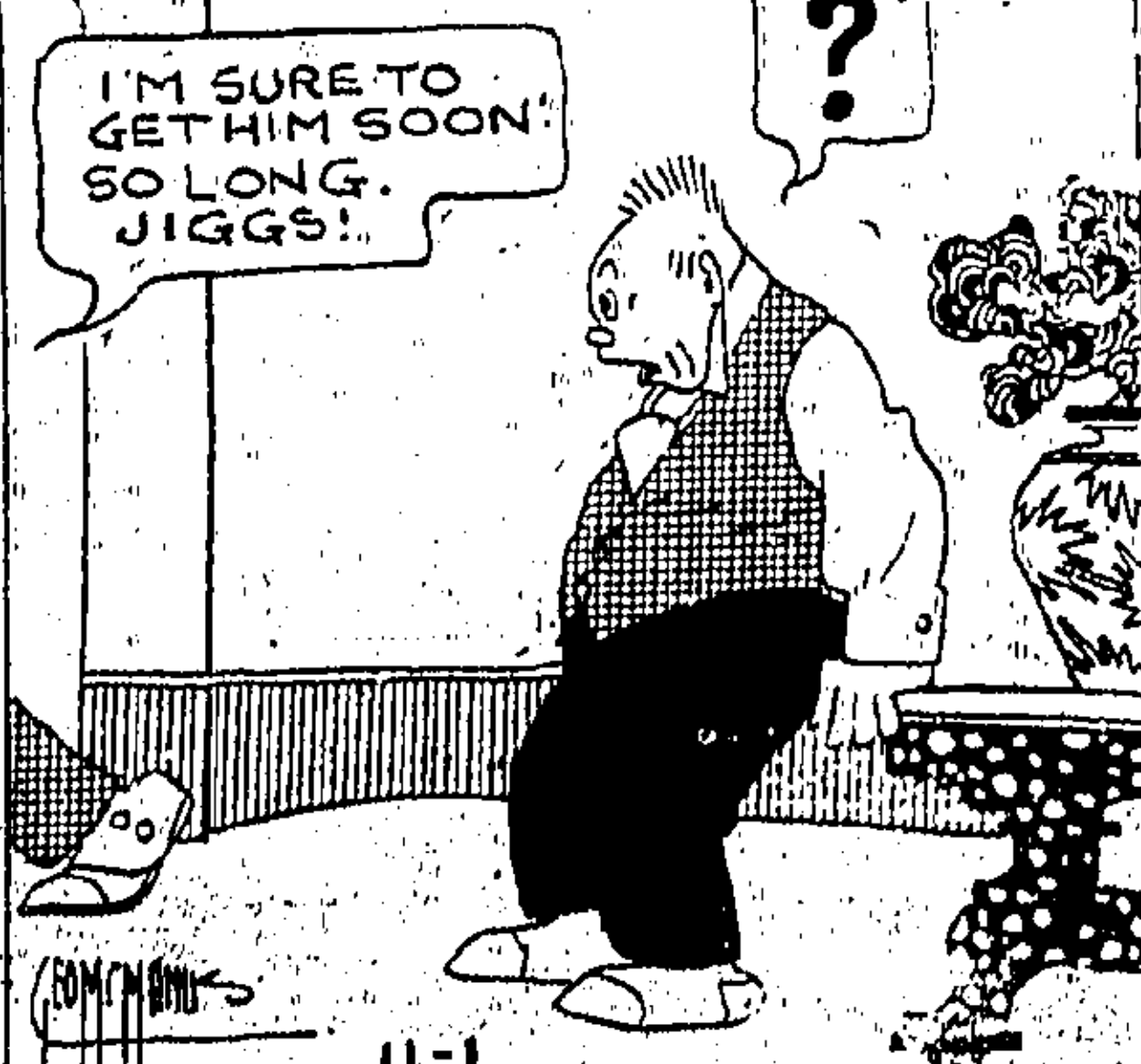
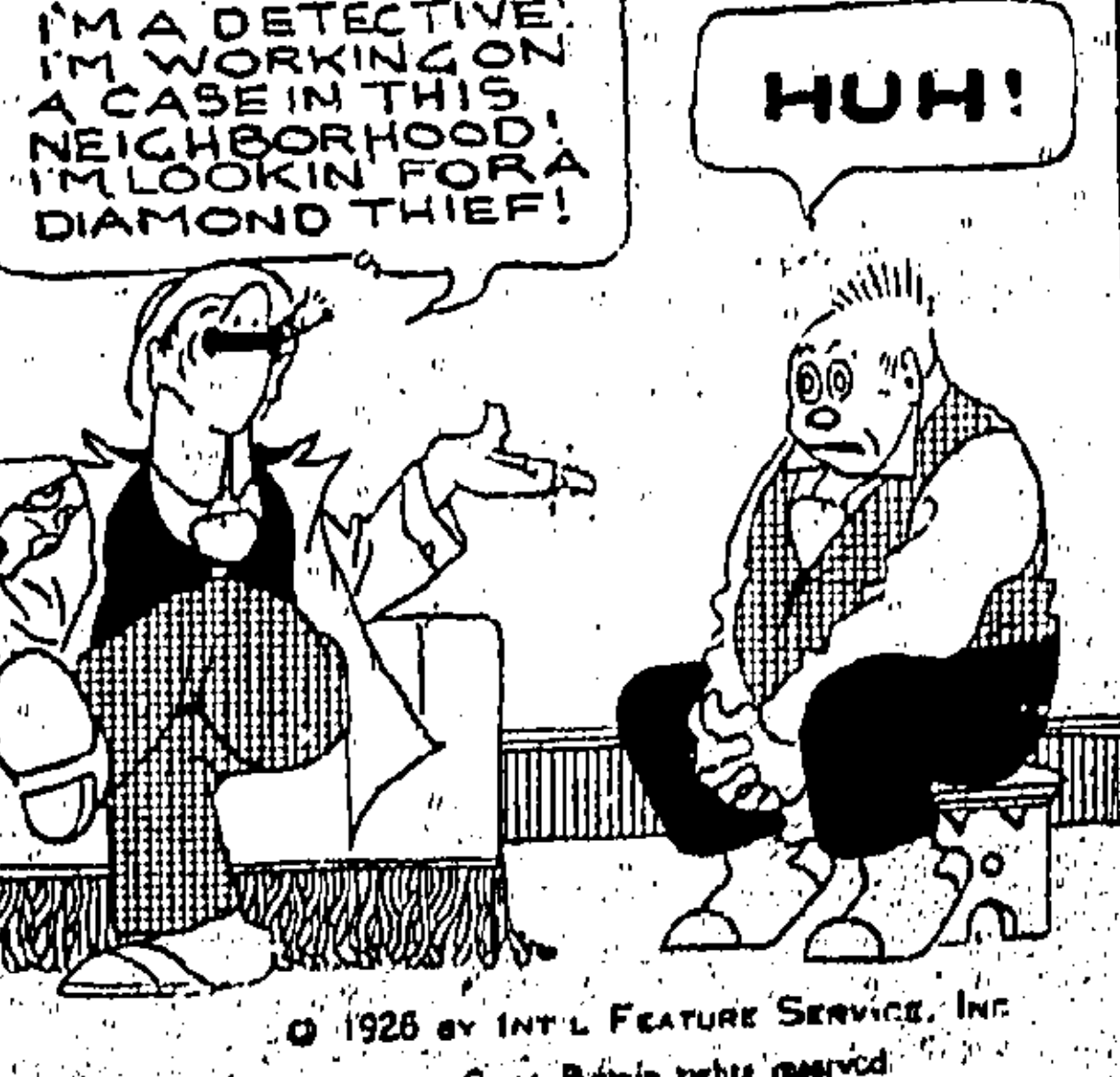
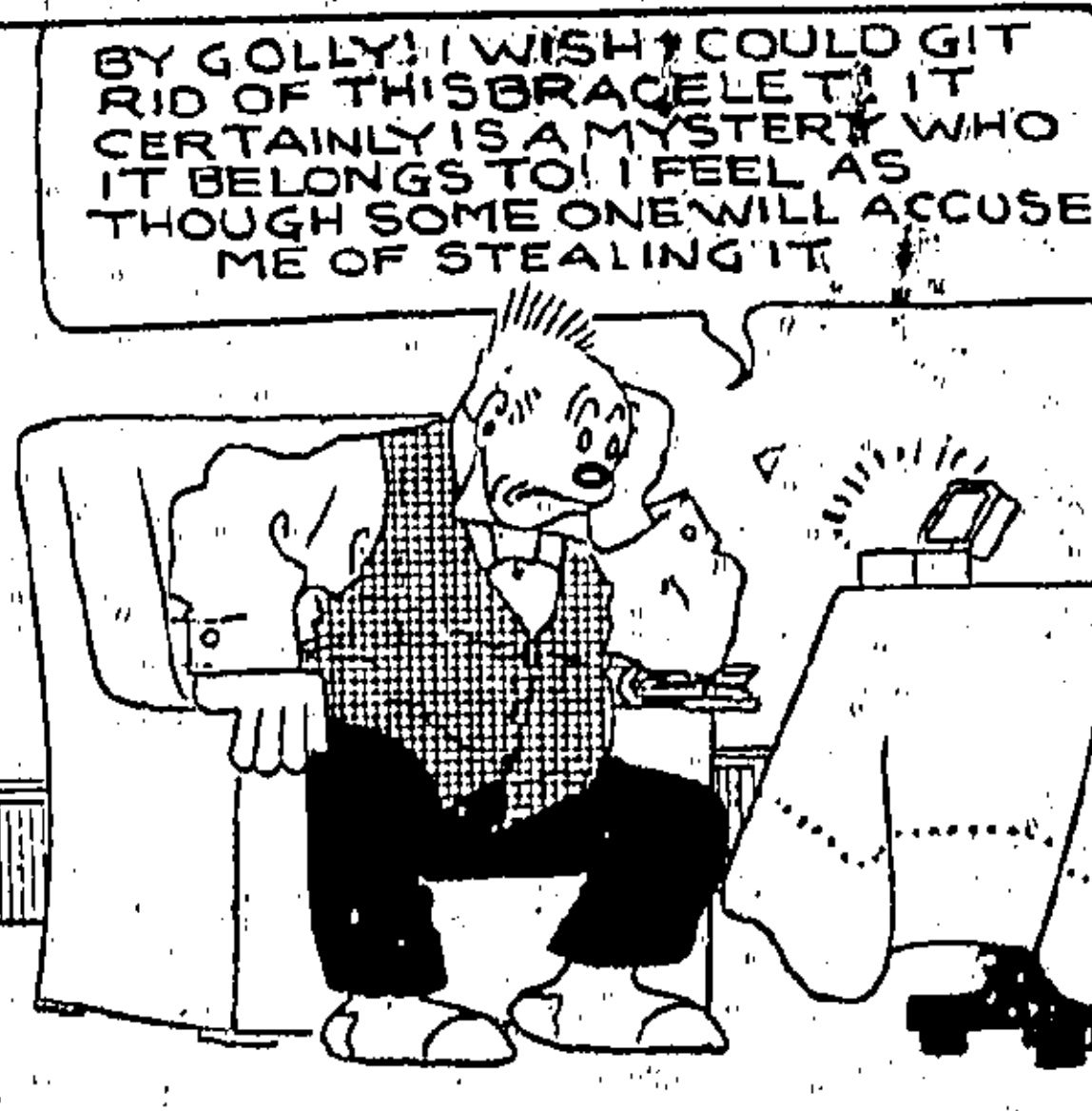


ANGEL MORALES

Vincent Massey was expected to be appointed as Canada's representative at Washington, and his wife was expected to occupy an important position in diplomatic society. Angel Morales presented his credentials at the White House as minister from the Dominican Republic, and Falk Koltza was established as new Minister from Albania.

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## SOVIET DESIGNS.

### ALLEGED FRIENDSHIP TO CHINA.

#### MOSCOW TRICKERY.

"Mai Kwei" writes to the "Shanghai Times":

Is China for ever going to be defooled by the smooth tongued platitudes and honeyed protestations of amity and friendship on the part of Russia? Profuse were the protests of friendship at the time in 1880, when by the treaty of Livadia, peacefully and in the very best interests of her dear friend China, Russia, relieved the latter country of that vast region of ill known as the Kuldja Steppes.

At the time of this scandalous rape of China's territory for which there was no excuse and no subsequent attempt at restitution or recompense? Russian diplomacy, through tricksters at the Chinese capital, was continuously warning capital, was honeyed words against the outrageous "imperial" designs against China's territory and China's sovereign rights on the part of all and sundry foreign Powers except Russia. It is a curious record of history, however, that in those days, although the other foreign Powers got the abuse and opprobrium, the honeyed words of Russia masked that country's rape of China's territories. There is no one bit of difference to-day in Russia's diplomacy or designs towards China, only the policy of peaceful penetration has changed its hallmark to that of Sovietization, as to wit, the Sovietization of Mongolia which has made that vast region as solidly a part of "imperialistic Sovietic" Russia as is the Kuldja or Murskia.

Yes, peaceful "penetration" and more peaceful acquisition were the territorial raping methods of Russia in the days of half a century ago, and since then the bear has not lost the tricks and arts of the "bunny hug."

Sovietism has unquestionably destroyed Russia's power for construction, industrially and commercially. It has beaten out of all existence the desire of the individual to succeed, since the moment an individual does show signs of success he immediately becomes the prey of those who can't succeed or don't desire to succeed, and everything pertaining to the successful one is seized and sacrificed on the altar of incapacity and unscrupulousness.

However, Sovietized Russia has not lost the necessity for the process of means of living, but since the initiative of the individual to produce these has been entirely eliminated such necessities must be grabbed from Russia's nearest and weakest neighbours. It is Russia's peaceful intention, so to weaken China by internal disorders that she will become a very easy prey for that peaceful process of territorial rape which Russia, once having learned, has never forgotten. No effort is being spared or will be spared by Sovietistic Russia to enfeeble China through internal strife until China collapses at the feet of Russia through the sheer exhaustion of strife and the elimination of China's fighting, and therefore resisting forces.

Russia, with this set object continually in mind, is with set purpose sending emissaries to various parts of China to breed and foster discontent and to use every means in the power of such emissaries to set one Chinese faction against another so as to hasten the day of exhaustion. The sending of such emissaries is contrary to China's declared policy as disclosed in the Peking agreement of 1924, which states, "Article VI":

"The Governments of the two contracting parties mutually pledge themselves not to permit, within their respective territories the existence and/or activities of any organizations or groups whose aim is to struggle by acts of violence against the governments of either contracting party. The Governments of the two contracting parties further pledge themselves not to engage in propaganda directed against the political and social systems of either contracting party."

Was there ever in the annals of history a greater or more vile prostitution of the functions of diplomacy than that perpetrated by the Soviet representative, L. M. Karakhan, when he appended his signature to such a document at the very time he was financing Russian "Red" forces in Canton and a most virulent campaign of propaganda in the vicinity of Shanghai against the Government of China in Peking. If no faith can be placed in the spoken or written word of the accredited minister of one country in the capital of another country, then the functions of diplomacy have broken down and the aggrieved country has an inalienable right to refuse the present Russian Minister or any other part of China, and in fact can refuse in the face of Article VI of the 1921 agreement to allow the said Russian Minister or other representatives to dig in or move about the country in any capacity since they are dangerous propagandists and/or encouragers of acts of violence against the sovereign state of China.

## NEED FOR CAUTION.

### JAPAN AND THE CHANGES IN CHINA.

Dealing with the situation in China, the "Hochi" in an editorial writes:—"The fact that military and political leaders in the North are now sitting in conference in Peking as to their policy towards the South clearly shows that the influence of the Southern forces has virtually extended to a wider circle. In case the Canton Government is removed to Wuchang it naturally follows that the unification of the provinces in the South, which is a cherished object of the Kuomintang Party, may be realised though nominally, and that the Southern and Northern Governments on an equal footing will come into existence. In that case, the relations between China and the Powers will become more complicated than ever. Japan, therefore, should be very careful at this juncture not to make any mistake in her policy towards China."

## BIRTH CONTROL.

### GIRLS TOLD TO BURN LEAFLETS.

#### PROPAGANDA IN LONDON.

Officials of the National Council of Women protested on October 23 against the distribution of birth control literature to young girls outside the entrance door of Church House, London, while the council was holding a meeting for girls.

The hall was crowded with Girl Guides, Camp Fire Girls, and others between the ages of thirteen and seventeen. Mrs. George Morgan, vice-president of the council, discovered that many had been given birth control pamphlets.

She immediately asked the girls to burn the leaflets without reading them.

"We stopped the distribution of the literature at once," said Mrs. Morgan to a representative of the press. "It seemed particularly disgraceful because it was distributed only to the girls, not to any one attending our meetings for grown people."

An official of a birth control society stated that the practice was contrary to the rules of the society, and that the pamphlets must have been distributed by an irresponsible person.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

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## Lending a Hand to Mother Nature



Unfortunately Mother Nature made no provision for the growing army of Isak Walton in her scheme of things. Man supplements nature in re-stocking the trout streams of the Canadian Pacific Rockies, through the agency of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, which conducts artificial Cut-throat spawning and hatching operation in the Rockies each spring.

Authorities have estimated that only about three percent of all Cut-throat trout, eggs naturally spawned, hatch. The reason given is the desire of fish spawning at other times to feed on the newly laid eggs with the result that the male Cut-throat, after driving off the females, fertilizes the eggs too late, when they have absorbed so much water that they cannot absorb the fertilizing fluid.

From 87 to 90 percent of eggs artificially spawned at Banff and Spray Lakes, hatch under artificial methods. This is how it is done: Towards the end of March just before spawning time the trout are caught in nets, stripped, and returned to the streams, while the eggs from the female and fertilizing fluid from the male Cut-throat are mixed. In ten weeks the young fry is ready for its new home in the trout stream where it reaches the length of over eight inches in about four years.

The annual spring harvest of Cut-throat eggs at Spray Lakes—each female giving from 800 to 1,000 eggs—is about three-quarters of a million. At present 524,824, Lock Leven trout eggs, 172,818 Lake Superior Salmon Trout, 518,968 Rainbow and 5,600,000 Electric eggs are hatching in the Banff Hatchery. The hatch for 1926 will also include one million Cut-throat eggs imported from Wisconsin and 250,000 from Spray Lakes, making a total of over eight and a half million eggs hatched in the Canadian Pacific Rockies to provide sport for anglers.

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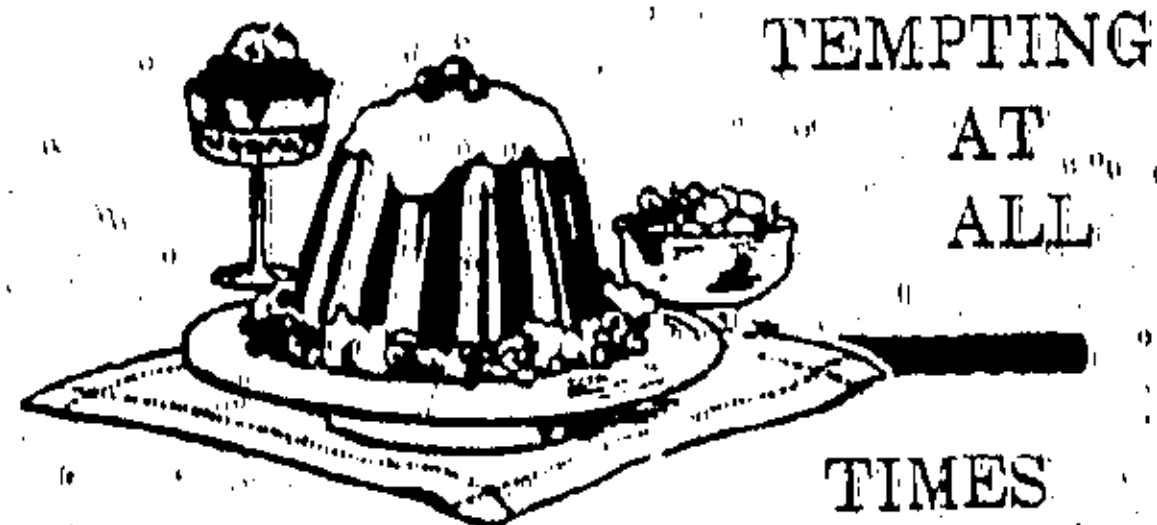
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Straits	11.00 a.m.	Takliwa
Straits	11.00 a.m.	Kashmir
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Bangkok	Hangchow 5.00 p.m.
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## NOTABLE SUCCESS.

### "Pirates of Penzance" In Hong Kong.

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#### Fine Singing and Good Team Work.

At the Theatre Royal last night, we were taken another step or two backwards in the direction of early Gilbert and Sullivan opera. Nobody would ever dream of troubling about the particular order in which the Savoy operas are staged by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, since, with nearly all of them, Time seems almost to have stood still. For, even admitting a few pages in "The Pirates of Penzance" where, naturally enough, Sullivan's hand had not come to full maturity, who will deny the music's extraordinary aptness to the words and situations; its charm and easy vivacity, or the brilliance of the composer's flashes of humour?

In "The Pirates," moreover, we see Gilbert at his most absurdly whimsical—as Frederic, that exemplary "slave of duty," would have put it.

It was pleasant last evening to find that most of his companions, with him in perennial youthfulness of spirits. They gave us, at any rate, as good as, and in some two respects better a performance than any that I can recall and I have seen many amateur productions of this opera.

Good Team Work.  
I hope that, without being accused of displaying undue generosity, I may say that one looks, as a matter of course, for first rate team work where the "Phil" is concerned; yet, with one or two exceptions which will be noted later, "The Pirates," as it seemed to me, showed them to better advantage than in some of their productions during recent years. This applies with particular force to the work of the chorus, whose singing sustained a very high level throughout.

Were Major-General Stanley's "pure and peerless" daughters for their part, inspired to give of their vocal best by the pleasure they must have experienced in being tricked out in such ravishingly pretty dresses and hats? In any case, they were most pleasing to look at, as well as to hear. Practically all the principals were familiar, from the model Major-General downwards. Mr. A. J. Brock gives one the impression that this is his first appearance in this role. He reeled off the famous patter song once or twice at a rate which precluded perfect clearness and made it difficult at moments for the orchestra to keep pace with him.

The Singing.  
The chief singing honours went to Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, whose delightfully fresh, sympathetic voice has never, perhaps, sounded more appealing, either in "Poor Wandering One"—sung with exemplary purity and neatness—or the delicious "Oh! Leave me not to pine alone," in which her soft, delicate tones were a delight to hear. In this—one of Sullivan's happiest inspirations—the expressive delicacy of her singing was hardly matched by Mr. D. M. Richards, the Frederic of the cast. Mr. Richards, who, he it said at once, was word perfect, gave me the impression that he was too conscious of his audience. As the Pirate King, Mr. R. M. Keown was far more comfortable when singing. His rendering of "Oh, better far to live and die" was all that the most ardent Savoyard could wish for. I have not seen Mrs. Katt before. I sincerely hope that I shall see—and, incidentally, hear—her again. As Ruth, the Pirate Maid-of-all-work, this artist was most appropriately cast. I notice that a morning contemporary has described this as being "superb,"—I agree.

Clever Acting.  
Engr-Lieut. A. S. Bedells gave a first rate impression of the Sergeant of Police. As a matter of fact, in my humble opinion, this was the cleverest piece of work of the whole performance. Lieut. Bedells reminded me very much of Leo Sheffield, who plays the part in the D'Oyly Carte Company. This, of course, is not a long part. Perhaps it can scarcely be called a big part. Nevertheless, it is a by-no-means easy part. It is certainly a part which can very easily be over-done. The song

"When a felon's not engaged, in his employment" brought down the house.

I have already referred to the work of the chorus. With regard to the minor principals, it may be said with little fear of contradiction, that each played his or her part in a manner which did much to complete this very satisfactory stage picture.

The Orchestra.  
Let me add that Mr. W. R. Fleming's conducting was beyond reproach. Under his very sure and sympathetic guidance the orchestra playing combined delicacy and vitality in a style that proved rarely exhilarating, and gave an added feeling of freshness to the music at every turn.

This is a show to see.

—H.

#### Dramatis Personae.

Major-General Stanley, Mr. A. J. Brock.  
The Pirate King, Mr. R. M. Keown.  
Frederic (his apprentice), Mr. D. M. Richards.  
Samuel (his Lieutenant), Mr. R. S. W. Patterson.  
Sergeant of Police, Engr-Lieut. A. S. Bedells, R.N.  
Mabel (General Stanley's daughter), Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.  
Edith (General Stanley's daughter), Mrs. W. R. Fleming.  
Kate (General Stanley's daughter), Miss D. Panchen.  
Isabel (General Stanley's daughter), Miss V. M. Jefford.  
Ruth (Pirate Maid-of-all-work), Mrs. G. Watt.

#### The Chorus.

The chorus consists of Mesdames Alabaster, Carr, Clark, Cornaby, Farrar, Greenway, Hayward, Hooper, Horder, Hollidge, Hunt, Millard, Magill, Marcel, Strange, Wallace, Misses Aris, Cole, Dunn, McClay, Razavet, Shaw, "Spanton" Stuart, and Stubbings and Messrs. Almann-Ward, Baldwin, Barnett, Bennett, Best, Brown, Hargreaves, Brown, Bray, Harmon, Hayward, Harvey, Hoare, Jefford, Jeffries, Fehlick, Provan, Rycroft, Rushton, Spenceclay, Sutherland, Taylor, R. D. Thomas, E. C. Thomas, Thompson and Westlake.

The scenery, designed by Mr. R. S. W. Patterson, and painted by Mr. Chan Si-fung, and the stage lighting effects by Messrs. Colos and Derrick are all that could be desired. The same can also be said of the men's costumes by Burkinshaw (Liverpool), Ah Men and Hing Cheong, and ladies' dresses by Ah Hung and the Pioneer Silk Store.

## TOO WELL-DRESSED.

### ROBBERS FAIL TO PASS AS WORKMEN.

Sentence of eighteen months' hard labour was imposed on a "boy" employed at Repulse Bay Hotel who was convicted at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of having been in unlawful possession of a dagger.

Evidence was given by a Chinese detective who seized the defendant as he rushed from a house in company with three other men. The "dagger" found in his possession consisted of a sharpened three-cornered file.

The woman of the house said that when asked his business he replied that he had come to white-wash the house. As he was too well dressed to be a workman witness became alarmed. She accused him of being a robber and, rushing to the back door, gave the alarm.

Mr. McCallum, who appeared for accused, submitted that the whole case was a put up job by the Chinese detective in conjunction with the defendant's alleged friend who had previously borrowed money from him.

The Court convicted the defendant and passed sentence of eighteen months' hard labour.

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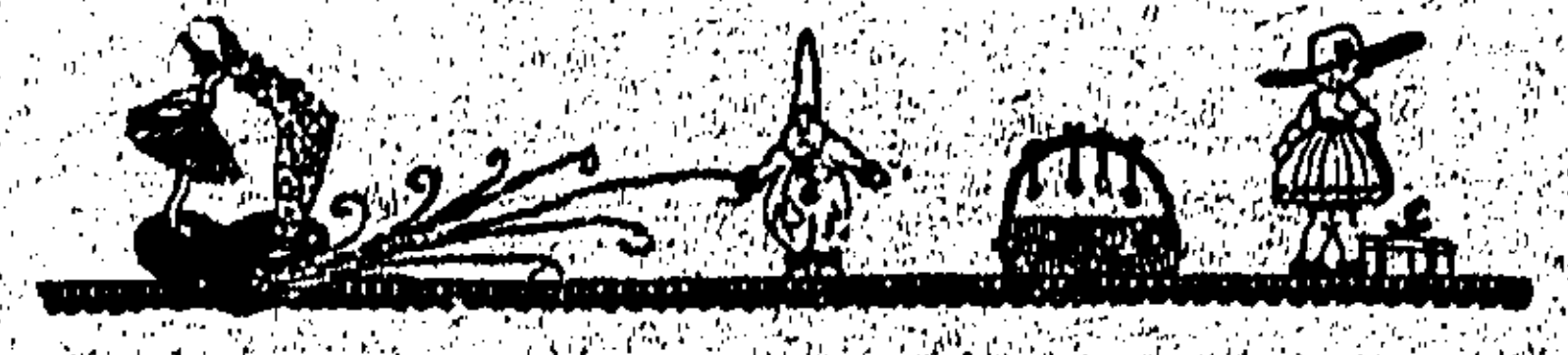
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